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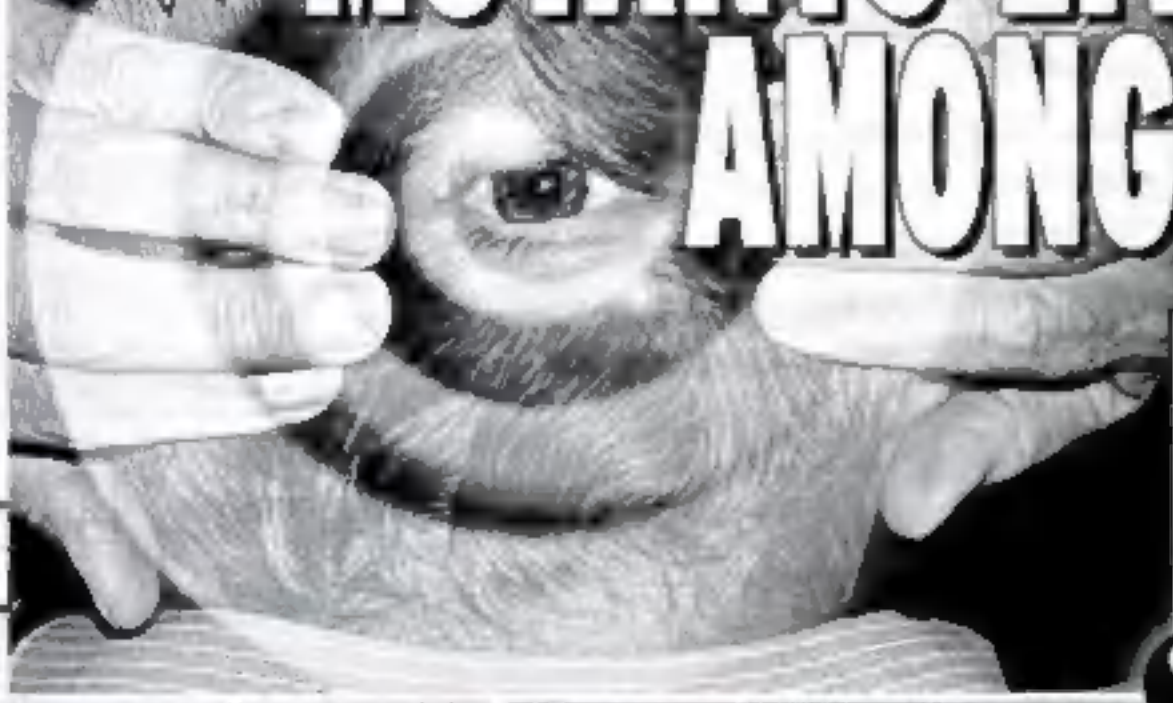

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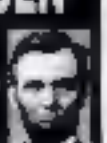

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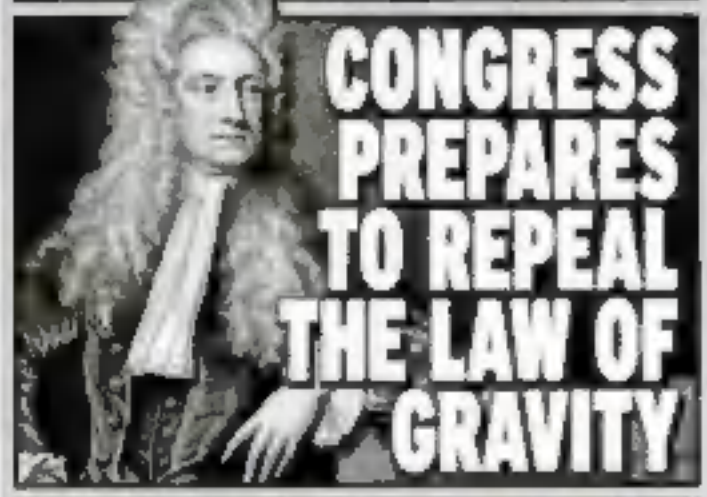

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...& much, much more!

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All-natural cure gets to the root of the problem!

By MICHAEL ROVIN

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Homeopathic therapist Derrick Chaft received quite a shock when he woke one morning in August.

"My cheek felt different against the pillow," he said. "I went to the mirror and saw that I had soft green follicles growing from my face. When I took a closer look I realized it was grass!"

Chaft shaved the growth and took a few scrapings to his office for analysis.

"It turned out to be wheat grass," said Chaft. "I eat those and other seeds regularly, and somehow they affected my hair follicles. I realized that if I could discover how this process works, I could provide a valuable service to the hair-deprived."

I could provide a valuable service to the hair-deprived

Using himself as a guinea pig — an apt comparison, given his increased diet of pellets and seeds — Chaft began to notice other changes.

"Moss started growing from the hairless center of my scalp, as I'd hoped," said Chaft. "Apparently, the supplements spurred my own growth hormones and caused the plants to take root in abandoned follicles."

Chaft's face and head were not the only parts of his body to experience changes.

"I've been taking flower extract to help balance my mood," said Chaft. "As a result, my armpits have sprouted flower buds. It's a little bizarre, but they smell like lilac. No more deodorant for me."

Chaft has been able to isolate the combination of remedies which causes these growths and is in the process of creating a product line to sell in health food stores across America.

Though most customers seem eager to give it a try, a few are wary.

"I wouldn't mind covering my bald spot with natural growth," said one man. "I just don't know for sure if I'm ready for a head of lettuce."

PLANTS!

FLOURISH FOLLICLES: Derrick Chelf has discovered that many plants will grow quite abundantly in abandoned hair follicles.

SECONDHAND CHOLESTEROL

By JEROME HOWARD

PANDA, Del. – A shocking new medical study shows that you can "catch" cholesterol from other people.

Dr. Terry Lambert, 66, director of the Foundation for Cholesterol Studies, has run a far-reaching series of tests that show people with set cards and levels of people around them.

"Once a body's cholesterol reaches a high level it is excreted through sweat," Lambert told *Weekly World News*. "This highly distilled substance – called Very Bad Cholesterol – can contaminate another person through touch."

and we're on the case. Just as we were able to ban smoking in restaurants because of secondhand smoke, we'll soon be able to ban fried foods, shrimp and eggs. And cheese. Especially the cheese."

The group plans to hand out

THE GOVERNMENT MAY TAKE EVERYTHING YOU OWN!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – If the state or federal government wants to seize your home for a public project, it has the right to do so. This is known as the right of eminent domain. But a bill currently in Congress will extend that right to taking any and all of your possessions!

"This measure may be necessary to offset the collapse of the U.S. economy," explains Senator Arnold Pettigrew (R, Rhode Island). "We would sell them on-line, get a good price and never have to raise taxes."

Anticipating passage, the government plans to start acquiring "extravagant" personal possessions like artwork and old wine beginning in February of next year.

"We won't repossess cars or clothes unless we really, really have to," Pettigrew added.

"This is monstrous," complained Dana Arayan, president of the Citizens' Rights Council of America. "I plan to fight this bill. If it passes, our country will take one step closer to the political madness of Nazi Germany."

"We'll take one step closer to solvency," Pettigrew fired back. "Democracy isn't free, you know."

The Senator added that he is considering a rider to the bill, one that will give something back to the "bleeding hearts" who compare him to Hitler.

"The Democrats keep demanding stem cell research and we're willing to give it to them," Pettigrew said. "The Patriot Act gives us the right to check voter rolls, and we'll do so aggressively. Why use an innocent

NEW HOUSING ALTERNATIVE!

NESTS

HIGH LIFE: A family of four enjoys quality time up a tree.

By MARK TOMPKINS

ARBORVILLE, Calif. — Two years ago, professor Max Hatcher, an expert on exotic birds, headed for the tiny island of Udu-Luma near Borneo, hoping to take pictures of the elusive zebra-beaked screecher.

"My colleague and I had gone deep into the rain forest when a pack of wild pigs charged after us," he said. "We became hopelessly lost."

The two eventually stumbled upon a village where, high in the boughs of enormous trees, families of natives lived in giant nests made of leaves, grass, sticks and moss.

"Later, an anthropologist speculated that these people thought they would be safer in the treetops if a tsunami hit," Hatcher said. "Fortunately, they were very friendly and guided us back to our inn."

Returning to the United States, Hatcher — aware of high housing prices and looking to make some money — hired a local craftsman and, using wood, wool, leather and canvas, he began to build people-nests.

"Sales were slow at first," Hatcher said of the 1500 homes. "Even here in Arborville — which is a very free-spirited, bohemian community — the public just wasn't all that interested."

Bit by bit, though, "nesting" began to catch on among college students, artists, transients and nature enthusiasts.

"As Nestinc's profits went up, we began to diversify, offering nests in various sizes, shapes and col-

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS READERS

SOUND OFF!

TALK ABOUT A CASE OF CABIN FEVER!

DEAR EDITOR: At first I couldn't understand why the people that were found still alive in the Titanic shipwreck (Oct. 3, 2005) wouldn't want to be rescued and brought up to the surface, but now I think I do. They have no wars, no fights, no diseases, no nothing down there. Just peace and quiet and the calm sounds of the ocean. It must be so serene.

Besides the fact that they're stuck in a little cabin so-made-a-face-and-hit-me children."

Come to think of it, I think I'm changing my mind again. What's a little war or disease? Get me away from that Titanic mess. I would have been the first one on the sub back to land.

– Van Jorgens,
Intervale, N.H.

♦ ♦ ♦

Dear Editor: Well isn't that cute? Some guy took in his sister's love child and now he really cute, but don't you think you all missed the real story here? How in the world did that woman end up having a monkey for a baby?

– Sarah Healy,

FOR HUMANS!

ors," Hatcher said. "The nests were already equipped with a collapsible roof, which could be installed quickly if it started raining.

"Now, the more advanced models were coming with solar-energy converters so people could use TVs, computers and microwaves. Pretty soon, living in a nest was considered 'cool.'"

Then, as Nestlec's sales climbed to unexpected heights, disaster struck.

"A resident fell from his nest and broke some bones," Hatcher said. "He sued us and won.

"Immediately thereafter, dozens of other people came forward claiming they'd been injured falling from nests. One occupant claimed he was attacked by owls."

Decrying the lack of personal responsibility among buyers, Hatcher was forced to shut down.

"Ultimately, Nestlec laid an egg," he admitted. "I feel confident, though, that my next venture will have more luck: Hive-condos. Instead of suing me, occupants will be able to sue each other."

PAGE 5 GIRL NEXT DOOR

Luscious lass

Stunningly beautiful Laurie Hartsfield is all smiles – and so are we! We're absolutely delighted that she's blessed the pages of *Weekly World News* with her presence! This Sacramento, Calif., babe says she likes astronomy, traveling, shopping, spending time with her family, dancing and checking out the latest movies. Sounds like a ton of fun to us!

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor, Call me a sucker, but I'd buy a watch from that "watch dog" that sells fake Rolexes in New York City (Sept. 5, 2006). Everyone knows puppies and babies sell, just look at all the commercials on TV. You have a puppy or a baby, and you're sure to have a big seller – no matter what you're selling.

So this guy is a pure genius. By putting all those watches on his dog's legs, people are sure to snatch them up. And he could probably even charge more than the rest!

– Kirstie Pethel, Billings, Mont.

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Dear Editor, Go figure, it's the people of Pisa that are leaning and not the tower (Sept. 26, 2006). All these years, they're trying to play it off like it's bad construction on the tower, but come to find out the whole city's crooked! Sneaky, sneaky people over there.

This news is just going to kill their tourism. People flock to see a leaning tower, but who wants to see a whole bunch of people that just haven't had their V8 yet today?

Not me. I'm cancelling the trip I have planned in December and going somewhere else.

– Cliff Brannal, Ocilla, Ga.

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BRACE YOURSELF!

Doctor trades orthodontic care for a return trip to Earth!

By LANCE ALOTT

PIERRE, S.D. — Orthodontist Gerald Fixit was sleeping soundly when he was abruptly awakened by a rumbling.

"My house started to shake," said Fixit. "There were intense, bright lights shining into my window, blinding me. Suddenly one of those lights surrounded me and I was lifted into the air. That's when I passed out."

Fixit awoke and found himself strapped to a metal table, with strange creatures hunched over him, examining his body.

"They were some kind of aliens, poking and prodding me with instruments stranger than the ones I use," Fixit said. "I was terrified."

As Fixit stared at the aliens, he noticed that they had the most appalling teeth he'd ever seen.

"I couldn't help it," he said. "My professional training took over. Each tooth faced in a different direction. Despite the circumstances, all I could think about was fixing those teeth."

Before the aliens began probing in earnest, Fixit offered to work on their teeth in exchange for his freedom.

"They seemed confused," said Fixit. "They started to examine their teeth in a mirror. Apparently, they give little thought to oral problems. I showed them my teeth as an example of how much better they could look."

"They chattered among themselves. When they were finished, one of them agreed to allow me to work on his teeth.

THESE "before" and "after" photos show how Dr. Fixit repaired a lifetime of neglect with Earth-style braces he constructed out of 50-gauge wire.

"The aliens — who I discovered were called the Britnash — were able to synthesize the materials and tools I needed," said Fixit. "I'll have to admit, I was intimidated. Britnash teeth are three times larger than human teeth and made out of some type of metal. Adjusting their position would be difficult. But the principles were the same as on earth. I had 50-gauge wire in readers there, but I was successful."

Fixit got braces on the teeth of all the aliens. Rather than allowing him to leave, however, the Britnash asked him to come with them and set up practice on their home world.

"I was tempted," said Fixit. "I would be quite success-

CONSERVATIVES SEEK TO REPLACE OL' SPARKY WITH STONING!

By MARIE MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Although death row inmates have been executed via the electric chair since 1889, a coalition of conservative leaders is pressuring Congress to pass legislation which would replace the electric chair with an even older method of execution – stoning!

"It's simply a return to the Biblical values that have become increasingly more important to Americans since President Bush has been in office," explained Iowa Senator Albert Gooden, sponsor of the Gooden Stoning Initiative.

Still used as a method of execution in many countries, stoning involves pelting

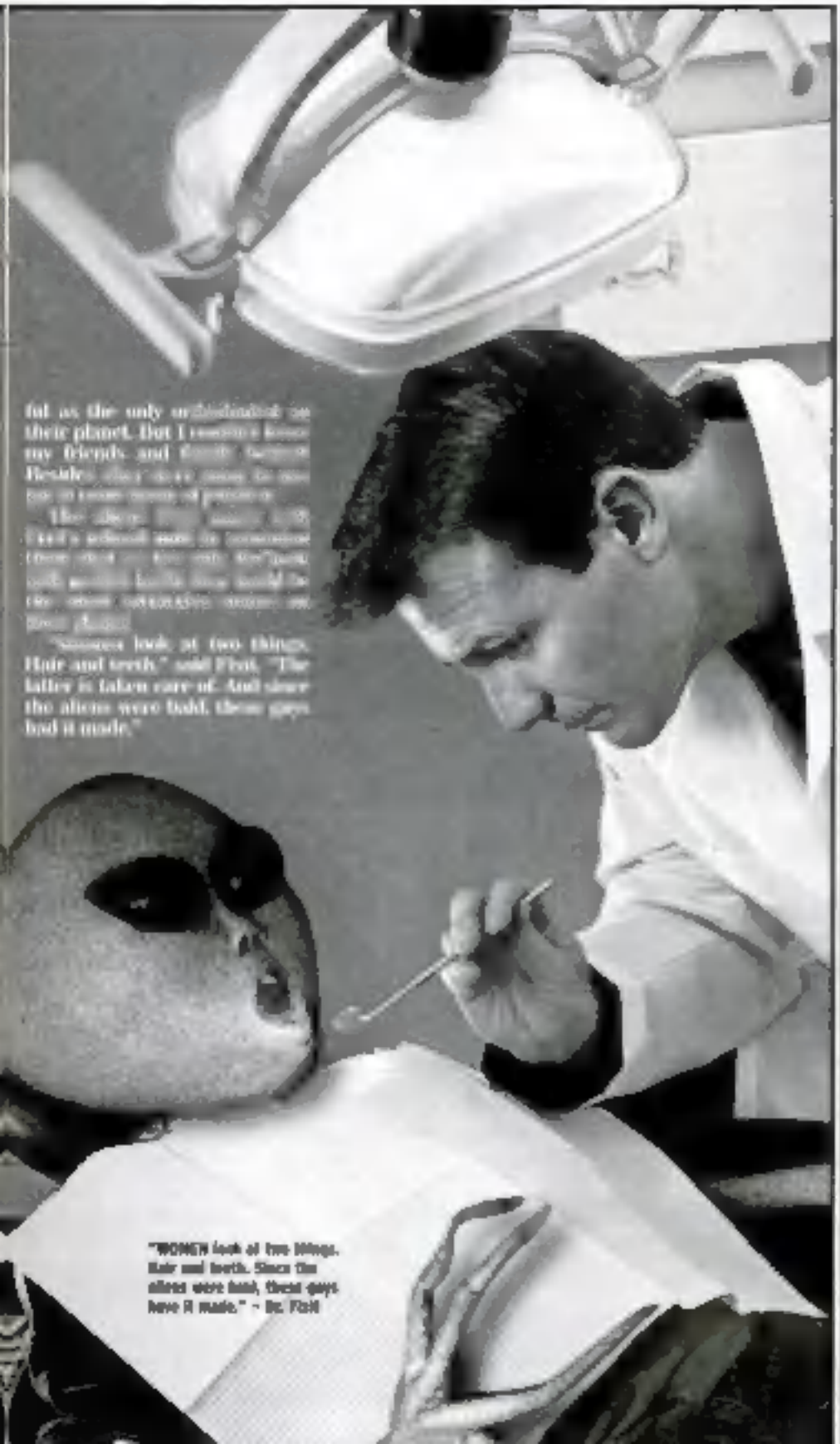
"It was the favored form of execution during Biblical times," said Gooden. "If it was good enough for Moses and Abraham, it's good enough for us."

However, getting stoning approved will not be easy, as the initiative has its opponents.

"It's barbaric!" stated Connecticut Senator Roberta Vasquez. "Though I have to admit it's amusing to hear 'conservatives' and 'stoned' in the same sentence."

Congress is expected to vote on the initiative before the end of the year, and Gooden mentions one additional benefit he hopes will put it over the top.

"The electrical power savings will be



ful as the only [illegible] on their planet. But I [illegible] my friends and [illegible] Besides, [illegible]

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"Women look at two things. Hair and teeth," said Fixit. "The latter is taken care of. And since the aliens were bald, these guys had it made."

"WOMEN look at two things. Hair and teeth. Since the aliens were bald, these guys have it made." ~ Dr. Fixit

LITTLE Lance loves her Dumbo!

REPUBLICANS TO REPLACE TEDDY BEARS!

By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Since 1874, when Thomas Nast's famous elephant cartoon appeared in Harper's Magazine, the elephant has come to symbolize America's Republican Party. Now, Republican leaders in Congress are lobbying hard to have their beloved elephant replace the teddy bear as the nation's favorite stuffed animal.

"Let's face it – the teddy bear has run its course," said Republican spokesperson Michael Jacobson. "It's old, it's tired, it's yesterday's news, much like the Democratic Party. America and American children want something new, fresh and vital. They want the elephant!"

If the proposed bill passes Congress and is signed into law by the president, children turning in their teddy bear, no matter how old or whatever the condition, will receive a brand-new, plush Dumb-o the Republican Elephant for free. When the child squeezes Dumb-o, a voice microchip will be activated and the pachyderm will deliver one of 25 different Republican Party platform statements such as: "Support voluntary student-initiated prayer in school;" "Ethical research yes; stem cells no" and "Terrorists seek weapons of mass destruction to kill us."

A massive TV and radio promotional campaign is currently being created to accompany the Dumb-os' rollout.

"By this time next year, just about every American home will have at least one Dumb-o the Republican Elephant," predicted Jacobson.

Believing that children learn best from

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Ancients greet modern world with lawsuit . . . LOST TRIBE INVENTED AIRPLANE

High priest presents proof Wright brothers stole their technology

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS' plane, left, had too many similarities to the 1,300-year-old craft built by the Oltecs, suit claims.

By MONTY ALBÁN

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — Last month, survey teams from Brazil's *Instituto Historia e Antropologia* announced the discovery of an ancient civilization in the Amazon rain forest.

Unlike the dead cities of other pre-Columbians, however, the Oltec capital of Distrito Copec thrives today as it has done since its founding in 300 A.D.

"This is a very significant find," said Dr. Ernesto [illegible] gram. "The Oltecs have experienced no contact with the world beyond the dense canopy of the Amazon, except for a brief period of trade with the Nazca people of Peru in the year 600.

"Most startling is evidence that the Oltecs conducted trade with the Nazca using actual airplanes, developed more than 1,300 years before the Wright brothers' first flight at Kitty Hawk," the archaeologist went on. "Those ancient pilots used the Nazca Lines — previously unexplained landing strips etched in Peru's desert gravel [illegible] 800 A.D., remained for centuries the only witness to the Oltecs' feats of aviation."

To the surprise and dismay of the *Instituto*, the Oltecs have greeted the contemporary world with that staple of modern civilization: The lawsuit. A week after Dr. Copan's arrival, High Priest As-Pac-Ali filed a complaint in American Federal Court claiming theft of Oltec technologies.

The Oltecs' case is not without merit. During his consular appointment to Brazil in the late 1860s, famed explorer Richard Francis Burton journeyed [illegible] co. According to the Oltecs' New York-based attorney, Mr. Burton discovered stones with inscriptions illustrating the design of the ancient device — as well as the rules of a Mesoamerican game similar to the regulations developed and codified in 1876 for baseball.

Burton donated the stones to the Bingham Exploratory Society's traveling exhibition of Mesoamerican artifacts. The exhibit's attendance records show that Susan Catherine Wright brought her young sons Orville and Wilbur to the exhibition in [illegible]

CIVILIZATION

Bulkeley, saw the exhibit in Hartford, Conn.

"This is a sour grapes nuisance suit," said chief defense counsel Stephanie Hough. "The Otters' use of Quetzal feathers in their planes' engine fan blades, as well as the aircraft's fermented manioc root fuel, set the old flying machines apart from our metal-and-wheels, giant-otter bone stabilizers, jade running lights, and stepped ailnbo wings, the ancient planes barely resemble modern airliners.

"As for baseball, the Otter practice of decapitating the losing team as a sacrifice to the gods underlines the ancient culture's case against American baseball as well."

Ilization v. United States.

"If we lose this one, the Otters will effectively turn U.S. factories into sweatshops serving South America," Hough said. "The only good thing about the suit is that the Otters aren't suing the nation for everything we're worth. They also claim to have invented

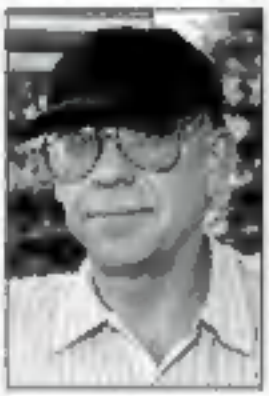
ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH FAMOUS NAMES

By [illegible]

DANNY ROLLINGS

Reverend Danny Rollings and his wife Chantal, who live just outside of Graysville, Tenn., have led Good Mercy Baptist Church for nearly 14 years. As a well-respected member of the community, Rev. Rollings, 50, does much more than just deliver the Sunday sermon. "The Lord as my witness, I serve the people," he said. "I help the sick, I feed the hungry, I lead the sinners down the path of righteousness." It's a path he knows well, his wife explained. "He's just the sweetest, most thoughtful thing."

JOE KAPP



Tire repairman Joe Kapp spends his days driving up and down highways ready to help motorists in need. As owner of Kapp's Blowouts garage in Waco, Texas, he claims to have changed 1,872 tires in his lifetime. "I keep track because statistics are something I've always thought are important," he said. "One day I hope to hold the record." And it's entirely possible that he will. According to our research, Kapp needs just 38 more quick-fixes to reach his goal.

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Albert Einstein is everyone's favorite ice-cream truck driver. He plays the best music, has the coldest ice pops and even gives out free baseball cards. "It's what I do," the Tega Cay, S.C., man said. "You don't have to be a genius to know that's just good business. If the kids are happy, they'll come back." The 64-year-old knows he could be retired and relaxing by now, but he enjoys what he does too much to leave it. "The truck is pretty cold and

Politicians tired of getting caught with their pants down . . .

CONGRESS MAKES EXTRAMARITAL AFFAIRS LEGAL!

By JOSEPH FOWLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The political world is no stranger to sex scandals. That's why Congress is contemplating passing a law making it legal to have extramarital affairs.

"This decision wasn't arrived at easily," said Congressman Richard Dale (R, Me.). But everyone in both houses agrees that this is for the good of the country. It'll allow us to focus on issues instead of sensationalism during the political season."

"This is the most disgusting thing I've ever heard, and I've heard plenty of humdingers in confession," said the Reverend Paul Simpton. "This goes against the teachings of the Bible. It guts at the institution of marriage!"

"I disagree," said Dale. "This is about family values. How many marriages – and, hence, families – have been destroyed by adultery? Once affairs become legal, people will see it in a different light. Neither couples nor children will have to go through the pain of a divorce."

The bill is expected to pass.

HILLBILL

ROADKILL GUARANTEED FRESH

By BILL WILKES

MANHATTAN — A new restaurant has recently opened in New York's trendy Tribeca neighborhood. Called Hillbille, it is the ideal spot for urbanites who want authentic country cooking — emphasis on the "authentic."

The dining area of the 5,000-square-foot Hillbille looks like the inside of a large tool shed. There are 50 worn, wooden benches and tables, a dirt floor, and old car parts and tools on the walls. The slight odor of compost is ever-present, circulated through air vents below each table.

"We wanted to transport New Yorkers from the stressful city," said owner Phil Louis, "to let them experience a completely different lifestyle." He grinned. "Unlike other five-star restaurants or sushi dens, jackets and shoes are not permitted in our restaurant."

A failed country singer, the 32-year-old Louis said that since he couldn't bring his Tennessee heritage to the Big Apple through music, cuisine was the next best thing. Indeed, the menu at Hillbille is as "down home" as one could imagine . . . or want.

"Our most popular appetizer is roast squirrel," said Louis. "Barbecued possum has been our top-selling entree."

MENU INCLUDES AUTHENTIC:

- Roast squirrel
- Barbecued possum
- Smoked raccoon
- Roadkill medley

To wash down the food, the beverage of choice at Hillbille is moonshine.

"We use southern-grown corn meal, sugar, yeast, malt and pond water," said Louis. "We brew it in a large vat in the alley using the same time-tested, backwoods process used by my grunpappy."

Despite the rustic atmosphere, a dinner-for-two at Hillbille averages about $130 a person. We spoke to some of the diners to find out what they thought.

"It's a breath of fresh air," said stock broker Neil Fresher, "except for the compost. This is a nice break for people who are too busy to escape the hustle and bustle of the city."

"I love the food," said attorney Jackie Mill. "The Pungent Smoked Raccoon is particularly good, as is the RoadBill Medley — right down to the tire tracks across the meat."

"I chipped a tooth on a lead ball in Grammy's Breast of Wild Turkey," said mayoral assistant Tucker Fleel. "I was impressed, though. The old girl is obviously still a good shot."

As we were talking to the patrons, an unusually large, rust-colored rat poked its nose from around the bar. Louis saw it and chuckled.

"Yep," he boasted. "It's an authentic Nashville Red. We even imported the rodents."

California requires license plates to reveal owners' bad behavior!

By [illegible]

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – In most of the U.S., if you've done jail time, chances are only you and your closest circle of friends and relatives are aware of it. In California, however, if a recently proposed bill is enacted into law, everyone will know about your past.

"Residents will be required to post their [illegible] on their license plates," explains sponsor. "If you're driving alongside someone who's had some time, wouldn't you want to know about it to steer clear of them?"

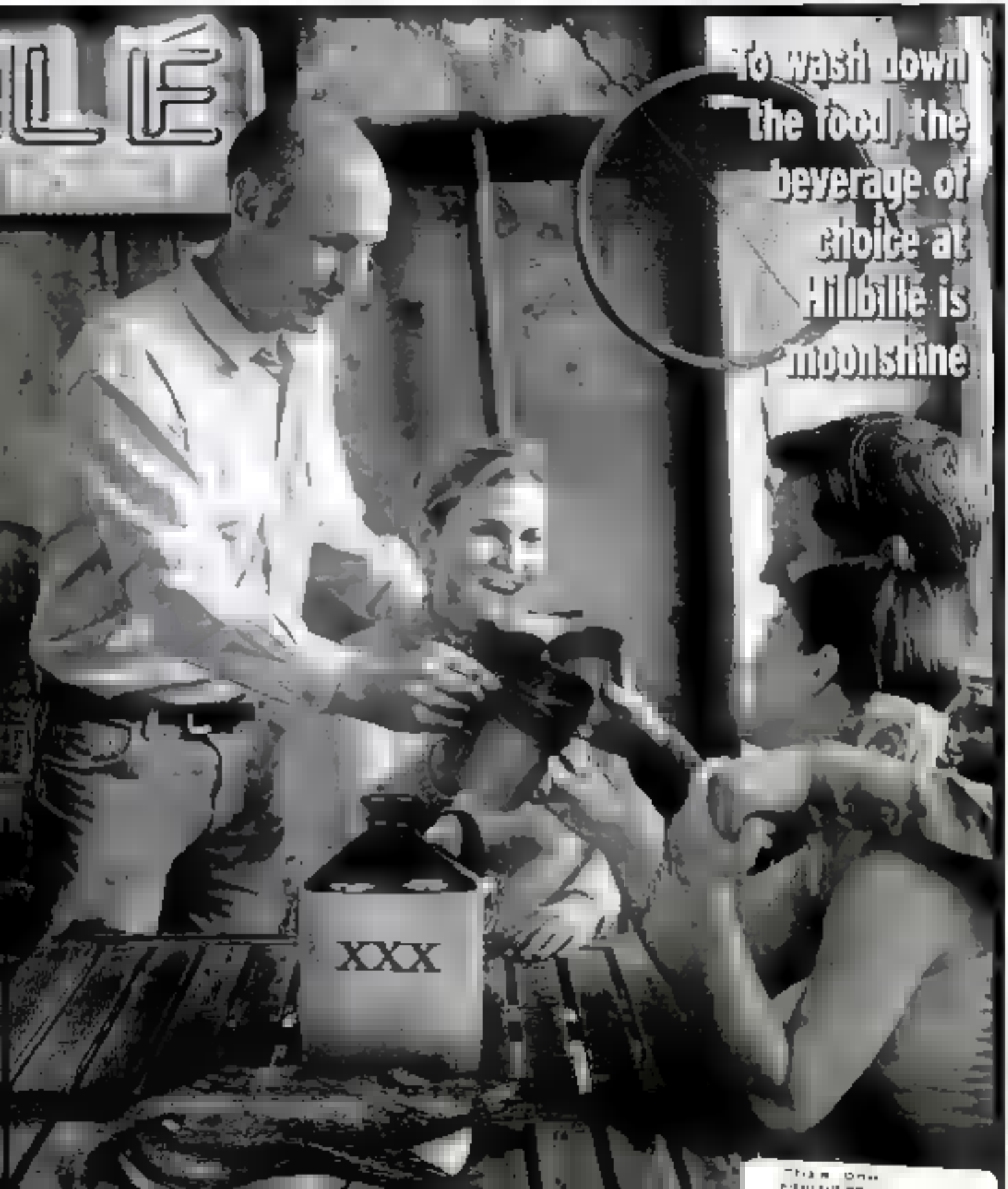
Each plate will be numbered so police can track them. Some of the proposed license plate designations include: TAX EVADR, WHITE CLR CRM, and I'D ...KNOW.

The bill is by no means popular in all circles.

"Many people will be required to wear the license plate PUBBE SNTCHR. "If a person has paid his debt to society and is trying to make a fresh start, why should he or she be required to wear this 'scarlet letter?'"

Nonetheless, there is

"I'm worried that it will become a badge of honor – or advertising," said minority opponent, Democratic state senator Lori Rich. "Who will contest a parking spot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BRIDE OF FRANKENSWINE!

SHORT-LIVED ROMANCE ENDS IN SHOCKING TRAGEDY . . .

PORCINE LOVERS DIED IN A FRENZY OF HOT, QUIVERING HAM!

By GREG I. GORE

DES MOINES, Iowa — Joe Bates was overjoyed at the resurrection of his prize pig, Frankie, who was revived by a lightning strike after an [illegible]. The bolt was attracted by a weather vane jammed into the pig's hindquarters. Although Frankie seemed disoriented, Bates managed to guide him to the pickup truck. Then the two of them sped off toward the fair to enter the "fattest swine" contest.

Things did not go as well as Bates had hoped. When Frankie walked onto the stage, onlookers screamed in horror at the charred and scarred pig. Frankie let out a squealing roar, leaped from the stage — crushing two judges — and barreled toward the doors, knocking it over as he tore through. Bates could see men with guns running after him.

"I ran for the pickup," Bates said. "I cut Frankie off and cornered him into the back with a convenient bucket of slop.

"As we hurried home, I apologized to him through the sliding window," Bates went on. "I told him I was only thinking of my prize and not what was best for him."

Suddenly, Frankie pressed his snout out through the narrow opening.

"A mile — of bacon," the hog grunted.

Frankie was amazed. "I always knew pigs were smart, but not this smart," he said. "I figured the lightning must have stimulated his brain."

Bates realized that Frankie was not asking for a considerable deal.

"He wanted a girlfriend," Bates said. "I figured I owed him that much."

Stopping at the local slaughterhouse and filling sacks with pig body parts, Bates brought them home and began cooking. When he was done, he lay the giant stew on a tarp beside the pig.

"There wasn't going to be another electrical storm any time soon, so I fed her tail into an outdoor socket," Bates said.

The patchwork parker shuddered violently. A moment later she opened her big eyes. Bates brought Frankie to his bride. At first the newly created pig was confused. Then Frankie sidled over to her and they began rubbing snouts.

"It was like a moment from a fairy tale," said Bates, weeping at the memory.

But the joy was short-lived. Townspeople were climbing up the road with torches. Assessing the danger, Frankie nudged Ludwig to allow him out of the barn. She was unaware that she was still plugged into the socket, dragging in the wet mud, her body became electrified.

"She combusted right in front of our eyes," said Bates. "When Frankie saw this, he jumped on top of her (he didn't want to live without his mate). They perished together."

As the angry townspeople poured through the gate, Bates showed them the quivering slabs of ham that used to be

Pig trainer Joe Bates.

Frankie and the bride of Frankie.

"The drama was ended," Bates said. "Ironically, one look at Ludwig and they gave her the posthumous prize for 'fattest swine.'" Bates smiled. "Somehow, I don't think Frankie would have minded."

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By MARK MILLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – It's always flattering when an all Reality World News team that the President of the United States has found one of our articles of value.

After President Bush read our story about columnist Ned Ottis attempt to build a stairway to heaven (Reality World News, Oct. 3, 2008) the Commander-in-Chief was so impressed he offered Ottis a Cabinet position, which Ottis readily accepted.

As the newest Cabinet secretary, the Secretary of Cabinets, he will be in charge of designing and building any storage space the White House might require.

"I'm thrilled and honored by the appointment," said Ottis, though others in Washington are somewhat less enthusiastic.

"This makes a mockery of the Cabinet," exclaimed Senator Joseph Kingsley (D, Rhode Island). "Why not have a different Cabinet position for every aspect of American life? What's next, Secretary of Plumbing? Secretary of Cafeterias? Secretary of Shampoo?"

Nonetheless, Ottis has already begun moving into his new Washington office. He outlined one change he intends to make immediately.

"The place needs a good

ORDERED INTO SERVICE:

COURT JESTERS

By GUY BLAKE

NEW YORK – [redacted] to get on its long-promised goal to limit frivolous lawsuits, the [redacted] has [redacted] a [redacted] law. It's supporting a new law designed to make the courtroom experience less oppressive.

"It's [redacted] the [redacted]," said White House spokeswoman Anne Bowlin. "It requires that all federal trials have a court jester present while court is in session. We are pleased and proud of its passage."

A [redacted] ribbon [redacted] retired judges [redacted] applicants.

"We've seen comedians, actors, clowns, mimes, and evangelists," said Judge James Wilson. "We've even had a call from an actual court jester from the empire of Lugubria.

"The individuals must possess a number of talents," Wilson went on. "They have to be witty and also show a knack for physical comedy. Most applicants have one or the other, not both. That is helping us narrow down the choices."

Upon receiving the panel's okay, the new jesters are given instructions and assigned to courtrooms.

"We were told that we cannot make jokes at the expense of the judge," said standup comic Phil Weiner. "We may not contradict or argue any of the details of the case. We are there to juggle and

"It was like being at the circus," said juror Gina Nickel who was empaneled on one of the first cases. "When the defendant started crying on the stand, the jester pulled out his colored hanky and started to dab the man's eyes. Later, when the prosecutor started to shout, the jester got on all fours, growled like a dog, and chased her around the courtroom."

"I won't try to duck jury duty anymore," said jury foreman Dan Webster. "The trial was very entertaining."

Even defendants have found the experience to be diverting.

"I was terrified when the judge was handed the verdict," said embezzler Kevin Steinberg. "But when the jester grabbed it from the judge's hand, crumpled it up, and ate it, I fell over laughing. I was still howling as I was taken into custody."

So far, the only people who don't like the Jester Laws are the lawyers and judges.

"None of my Harvard schooling prepared me for having my pants pulled down around my ankles during cross examination," said attorney Richard Cross. "On the other hand, it did get me a date with one of the jurists — so it isn't a total loss."

'They have to be witty and also show a knack for physical comedy'

Man bites hand that feeds him

By ELAINE HART

CARSON CITY, Nev. – Marisa Tibble was a very successful caterer and a single mom. Because she couldn't afford babysitters, she would usually bring her son Charles with her to weddings, parties, and various functions.

"Most of my meals ended up being leftover hors d'oeuvres," said Charles. "Not that I'm complaining. They were delicious."

But years of eating only finger food grew into an odd compulsion.

"I absolutely can't use a knife and fork," Tibble told Weekly World News. "Worse, every time I sit down to eat I end up biting my fingers. They just remind me of the chicken skewers and fish sticks and little hot dogs I always ate."

Tibble went to a therapist to try to control his eating disorder.

"The psychological component was fascinating," said Dr. Frank Hart. "Mr. Tibble resents losing his childhood to the catering business, even though it fed him. Now he is acting out by literally 'biting the hand that feeds him.' "

Dr. Hart recommended that Tibble visit his mother and talk out his long-suppressed frustration.

"I did, and we had a long heart-to-heart chat over dinner," Tibble said. "She explained that she had to support us, and I told her I understood. Unfortunately, once the floodgates opened I couldn't stop complaining. It felt amazing, but I definitely overdid it."

"The good news is, Mr. Tibble got through the meal without biting his hand," Dr. Hart said later.

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MY AMERICA

BY ED ANGER

WORLD'S FAIR – EX 1964

When I think [redacted] 'Great [redacted] Beautiful Tomorrows' guaranteed at every [redacted] Fair, I wonder what happened, says Ed...

THIS IS NOT THE FUTURE WE WERE PROMISED!

I'M MADDER than Buck Rogers waking up in the future and seeing that things have gotten worse, not better.

As the world goes to blazes in a laundry cart, I've been thinking a lot about what we were promised growing up in the '40s and '50s. The future was supposed to hold a better life for Mr and Mrs America.

I'm not talking about rocket belts or ray guns. I'm talking about that Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow that was the guarantee of every World's Fair since 1939. (What happened to World's Fairs, anyway? Did we become too cynical to hope?)

We were told there'd be high-speed mass transit that ran on atomic power, weather control so that deserts would become fertile, flying electric cars, robot servants, computerized kitchens, no more war, colonies on the moon and even a cure for cancer.

Instead, what've we got? Global warming, terrorism, more homeless and starving people than ever, no gas, crumbling roads and schools and airlines that are protected by removing our shoes before people get the wrong things cut out by mistake, and new diseases to add to the ones we haven't cured yet. It's starting to look like the U. S. of A. is headed for a new Dark Ages.

And with all this coming down, what does our government do? Fights a war for oil which we

CHEAP imports and outsourcing of jobs push unemployment ever higher. Auto industry is especially hard hit.

If all this is too much for these goons running the show to handle, Ed's got some obvious, simple places for them to start fixing things. First, we need to improve our educational system so that

that everyone can get the kind of complete shopping Dubya regrets he's got. None of that should be in a stockpile. It should be here, now.

But even these two goals may be beyond leaders who have lost their imagination or are too busy paying off their corrupt buddies to bother with the people who elected them. Fortunately, Ed also has a solution. Let's get Congress to pass a law that says we can donate a big chunk of our taxes to the private sector the great American entrepreneur. Those guys are used to being accountable to stockholders. They will tell us what's what, and they'll get the job done!

Let's roll up our sleeves today so we can still make a better tomorrow for our children — before it's too late!

IT CAME FROM UNDER THE BED!

By [illegible]

HELENA, Mont. — Bonnie Ford was asleep with her girlfriend Deidre when they were awakened in the middle of the night by a scratching noise under the bed.

"At first I thought it was a mouse," said Ford, the 21-year-old got up and started to clear suitcases, sports gear, and stuff boxes from under his bed. Suddenly, he leapt back in disgust.

"There was a creature behind an old shoe box," said Ford, "It was the ugliest — but cutest as ugly."

Unafraid, the creature scurried out and rubbed against Ford's and Deidre's [illegible] and licked their faces affectionately.

"It looked like a cockroach, only big and hairy," said Deidre. "It was completely revolting."

Ford grabbed an Oxford in the shoebox and opened the critter inside. The next day he took it to the Montana Animal Institute where Dr. Hans Bredler studied the creature.

"Actually, the creature is a cockroach," said Dr. Bredler. "It is a cockroach, a Periplaneta — a relative of ants and spiders that feeds on microscopic particles. However, this 'pooch' is six times larger than normal. The DNA was slightly contaminated [illegible]."

"I want to examine its habitat under Mr. Ford's bed," Dr. Bredler said on. "Clearly, the creature had been there for a while. There was so much filth [illegible] it didn't want to leave."

"I had a pet 'cockroach' and I didn't even know it," laughed Ford.

"I've told Bonnie a thousand times to clean under his bed," said Deidre, "Now I always have one of my pet peeves."

Dr. Bredler said that despite its size, the cockroach was not dangerous. "Roaches are essentially scavengers. A weekly dusting will keep them fed and content."

He asked Deidre if this incident has hurt her relationship with Ford.

"I'm not moving a muscle," said Deidre, "Though I wouldn't be surprised if I knew that his son of those under his bed."

Weekly World Humor

JOKE OF THE WEEK:
A loser is someone who dies poor and, while he's being put in the ground, the grandchildren strike oil.

"I've decided to let my hair grow," the man said to his friend.

"I see," said the friend. "How could you have stopped it?"

Only the army would put someone in a room with 40 men and call him a private.

The fisherman returned from vacation and told friends he caught a 30-pound [illegible]

witnesses?" asked one disbeliever.

"Of course," said the fisherman. "Otherwise it would have weighed 30 pounds."

Optimism entered a [illegible]

[illegible] husband with a bow and arrow so she won't take the kids.

Excuse me," the teenager asked the instructor, "how do you teach a girl to swim?"

"Well," the instructor answered, "you put one hand [illegible]

"Is there a word that contains all the vowels?" the teacher asked her 7th grade class. Judy replied [illegible]

turn the other gently along her arm in her shoulder and – "

"It's the sister."

"Oh," said the instructor. "Just shove her in the deep end."

"Your kisses are really hot," Sandra told Jan.

"Sorry," he replied. "I'll put out my cigarette."

A man is someone who doesn't give women a second [illegible]

LINCOLN'S TEXT 'MESS'

. . . Pot-to-Pot Protocol: A real stinker!

By JUAN SCOVE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — There's a dark secret of science, one that pertains to matters ranging from UFOs to clones: It's about notebooks and research that were destroyed when inventions were deemed too dangerous to unleash on the world.

Now, archives opened by U.S. historians show that the "text messages" supposedly pioneered in the early 1990s was actually created more than a century ago — and suppressed by its inventor for fear of the harm it might do to American society.

"Text messaging was the brainchild of Edward Everett, a statesman and former Harvard University president," said Dr. Paul Aver, chair of the history department at Arlington-Potomac State College. "It was developed in association with Harvard's new mechanical engineering department. Everett hoped that money from sales of the device would benefit a charity for soldiers wounded in the Civil War."

INVENTOR Edward Everett

Everett's device was based on Charles Babbage's 1837 design for the "Analytical Engine," a steam-powered computer 90 feet long and 30 feet wide. Everett's miniaturized version of the computer was the size of a tea kettle and could be placed on a stove for easy steam generation.

To promote the device, Everett wrote to President Lincoln, whom he had met at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg. Everett requested that a copy of the president's brief [redacted] tory remarks be transmitted from the White House to Everett's room in Washington's Hotel Charabia by text message.

tember 1, 1864. The president took a seat at a rudimentary typewriter keyboard in the Oval Office lavatory. It was explained to him that steam pulses would drive the pistons and rods attached to the top printing press. The message would be carried through the plumbing system of the White House to Washington's Franklin Square crosspool, on to the Hotel Charabia water pipes and the commode in Everett's suite, to which the telecream pioneer had connected his own kettle messager.

"Everett called his system 'Pot-to-Pot Protocol,'" Dr. Aver said. "He planned to market the device under the trade name 'AbeLink™' after its famous first user."

Unfortunately the results horrified Everett.

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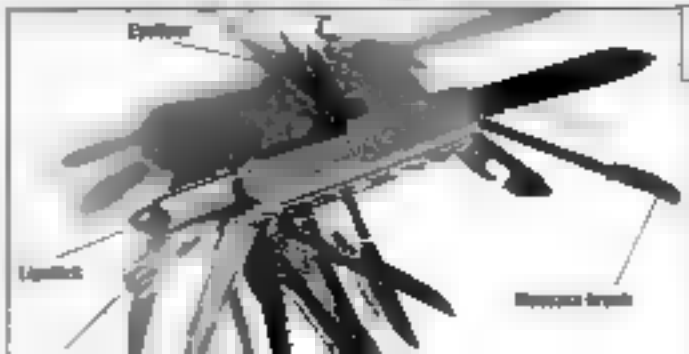
But in a < sense we cnnt dedicatE—we cnnot consecratE—we hallow this grnd. Th brave men lvng and x_x hu scraggled hr have consecratd it far abv e p'er pwr 2 + ad · Th wrld wnt notE/lng remembr wat we say hr but it can nvr forgt wat they did hr It is for us the lvng rthr 2B dedicatd hr 2 the unfinishd wrk wch they wh fought hr hv thus fr so nbly advancd It is rthr 4 e 2B hr dedicatd 2 the grt tsk remaining bfr x—that from thEse hnrd x_x we take encrsd · · 2 [redacted] cause 4 wch they gave th[redacted] full measure of devn—that we hr resolv · · that these x_x shal nt liv 2B in vain—that this nation undr God shall liv a nU birth of freedom—and that gvt of th ppl by th ppl 4 th ppl shal nt pertsh frm the rth =)

Life
— AL

Everett searched for some fault in the device itself, but found none. The old Harvard President feared that steam clouds from the White House messager had injured Lincoln's brain — much as modern consumers worry about microwave brain damage from today's cell phones.

But historians believe the cause was much simpler than that.

"The machine had too small a capacity for even a short speech like the Gettysburg [redacted]," said Dr. Aver. "Lincoln had to squeeze his words into the device, eliminating as many letters as he could. Plus,



'JILLKNIFE' IS

By PAUL ERDCRET

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – "My wife was always impressed by how I overcame every obstacle with my Swiss Army Knife," said lathe operator Frank Tinker. "Whether it was home repair, opening a bottle of wine or even cleaning my teeth, I was ready for every challenge. And all I had to do was reach into my

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the room route he took in use in order to type into the superheated kettle messages didn't help."

Everett threw both devices into the Holomuse room which they have since been recovered by divers and displayed at the Cretaceous Museum. Newly discovered pages from Everett's diaries convey his final thoughts on the AbeLink.

"Words aren't meant to be mangled just so they can travel by plumbing," he wrote. "The first – and last — text message shall remain in the cesspool where it belongs."

JACKKNIFE FOR WOMEN!

emergency and wanted a jackknife of her own.

"I realized that a jackknife would not necessarily address all of a woman's needs," said Tinker. "So I designed one just for women."

Tinker's new tool is called the Jillknife.

"There are retractable accessories such as lipstick, eyeliner and a nail file," said Tinker.

"Sure, I can carry all those things around in my purse," said Judy Stein, a housewife and mother. "But I'm tired of keeping my whole life in this big pouch and finding nailclicks when I don't have it. The jillknife clips to a belt or strap and is easy to carry around."

Inspired by the jillknife's success, Tinker is planning to

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By DORIAN WAGNER

ALBINO POLAR BEAR BORN

MOOSE CREEK, Alaska – An albino polar bear was born near [illegible] Pole last week. Doctors said they were able to tell he was an albino because his nose was pink, not black. "Otherwise, they're all white anyway," one explained.

JAMAICAN BOY RUNS FASTER THAN CARS DRIVE

MAY PEN, Jamaica – Thanks to the tremendous amount of sugar he loaded into his Kool-Aid, Rashay Wilson, 8, was able to outrun his mother's station wagon. "It's old, but the fact that he went faster than its top speed is [illegible]

Rashay plans to train for the [illegible]

LEARN TO SPEAK ALIEN IN RUSSIA

CHERNOGOLOVKA, Russia – A Russian college is now offering the world's first alien language class. "It's important to learn to communicate with other worlds, not just other countries," said the professor.

SPACE DEBRIS KNOCKS MAN INTO FUTURE

BAMAKO, Mali – NASA [illegible] confirmed a piece of space debris unexpectedly fell from the sky, crashing into Ray Caputo's head so hard that it sent him flying forward – into the next minute! Scientists believe it fell so fast it cut a [illegible]

WRITER SUES TELEMARKETER

UPLAND, Calif. – A fiction writer is suing a telemarketing firm for calling him after he'd [illegible] with [illegible] best [illegible]

face the task of finding out exactly what is lethal to a ghost.

NUCLEAR LEAK [illegible] CHERRY PIE

GILBERT, Ariz. – The homemade cherry pie Grandma Penny Shayler set on her kitchen windowsill to cool was incredibly affected by a nuclear leak in a nearby town – [illegible] grew to [illegible]es normal size and the pie suddenly exploded.

GIANT SEA MONSTER NEEDED RESCUING

[illegible] Zambia – Sea serpents [illegible] stay far out at sea, but one confused creature somehow ended up [illegible] into a river connected to the Indian Ocean – and got stuck! "Have to tell he was just too long and big," said a riverside homeowner.

ELEPHANTS PUT ON LOW-CARB PEANUTS

[illegible]VILLE, Del. – Elephants at the [illegible] Zoo have been put on a special low-carb peanut [illegible] Keeper [illegible] said the animals [illegible] that the [illegible] [illegible]

him to abandon the action book he was writing. "I lost millions," he claims.

GHOST SENTENCED TO DEATH

[illegible], Ontario – A ghost who savagely murdered the man who stabbed him to death has been sentenced to die by [illegible]

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BRAZEN PICKPOCKET STEALS POCKETS

By ISOBEL FLEMING

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. – Last evening, police arrested a pickpocket who has been terrorizing the Hollywood area for several months.

"He's no Artful Dodger, that's for sure," said Lt. Buzz Henson at the Hollywood Police Department. "We call him Mr. Pocket because he never lifted a wallet. This guy went up to people with a razor blade and stole their pockets."

The perpetrator is 27-year-old Chester Dobbins, an unemployed magician who lives with his 69-year-old mother in Monty's Trailer & Fun Park. Henson was booked into the Los Angeles County Jail for possession of stolen pockets and for attempting to rip off a police officer's pockets.

When Henson asked Dobbins why he stole pockets instead of cash, the criminal responded, "I'm making a patchwork quilt for my mother. The stores don't sell fabric.

MODERN-DAY ROBIN HOOD CAUGHT!

– Hacker targeted Bush cronies!

LOCKSLEY, Ariz. — A modern-day Robin Hood who stole from the rich and gave to the poor has finally been apprehended at The Alan Hale & Hearty Assisted Living Center.

The alleged computer hacker Melvin J. Farquhar 2d led federal agents on a merry chase for months as he hacked into the cunning coffers of President Bush and his administration cronies.

Treasury agent Ian F. Osbourne told *Weekly World News*: "We first discovered something was amiss when the Bush twins maxed out their credit cards. With a fifty grand cap that would have been more clothes shopping and drinking in one day than was humanly possible, even for them.

"Within days, Vice President Cheney found his membership at Pork Barrel Club in arrears and old lobbyist Will Pet had to walk home after an ATM refused to dispense cash. Bank accounts formerly in the billions were now reading empty."

At the same time there was a spike in the savings of seniors all over Locksley. A $100 billion contribution to Katrina relief in the name of W.J. corresponded to the exact amount hacked from Halliburton.

"Farquhar evidently targeted an online banking system and bounced the signal from satellite to satellite to make it impossible to locate or track him. Finally, a big cash reward offered by a mysterious G.H.W.B. of Kennebunkport paid off when one of Farquhar's associates ratted him out."

Melvin Farquhar, a decorated World War II veteran, evidently learned his computer skills from a video instruction course while in assisted living.

"I'm not saying I didn't do it," he told *Weekly World News*. But those boys are bigger crooks than I could ever be. Besides, there isn't a lot you can do here once you've seen every permutation and rerun of *Law & Order*.

"Whoever took the money, I hope two things come of this," Farquhar said. "First, that the money helps the truly needy. And second, that I get to be on *Law & Order*!"

NEW PHONE GADGET SHOCKS UNWANTED CALLERS

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THE GAYEST AMERICAN HERO!

THE GHOST OF DRAG QUEEN HOLLOW

By DREW SULLIVAN

MALIBU, Calif. — Among seasoned surfers, the area where the waves break is known as the boneyard. According to Kevin Andrews, however, that region would be better described as the graveyard.

It's not unusual for Andrews — known [illegible] and wide as [illegible] Adventure, [illegible] Gayest [illegible] man Hero — to travel halfway around the globe to participate in [illegible] enterprise [illegible] sort. But it is unusual to be called by [illegible].

"Actually, the summons wasn't for me," Andrews told *Weekly World News*. "It was issued to my friend and mentor Danny 'Dee Dee' Romano. And it came from an old surfing rival -- one who had died in 1962."

The 42-year-old Romano is a legendary surfer, renowned from California's Muscle Beach to the shores of Hawaii's Banzai Pipeline. Gidget [illegible] The Pretty Things Queen [illegible] Pasadena," and a tune — hastily suppressed — whose title rhymed with Frankie Avalon's "Venus."

In those days, Dee Dee's chief [illegible] a sal[illegible] Blonde named [illegible] Kelley [illegible] that is until the fateful day when Jake [illegible] and [illegible] back. It broke his neck, [illegible] business being exposed. [illegible] it was. Yet it appeared that in some mysterious [illegible] Romano's stygian adversary had returned [illegible] exposed. [illegible] the name of [illegible] were borne by a figure known to frightened locals as Kourtley's Ghost."

"We heard about Kourtley from our old pal Beauty 'Big Drag' Rockles," Andrews recalled. "Since the sixties Big Drag has managed the only drag strip in the country run exclusively for transvestites. Like he says, 'Why else call it a [illegible] strip?'"

[illegible] challengers to a watery grave. Now he demanded a fatal showdown with his old foe, Dee Dee. Bravely, Andrews and Romano made the journey from [illegible] Vegas — where Andrews was recovering from [illegible] injuries as the Amazing [illegible] Drag Queen, also known in the local press as King Dong — to the shores of Sunny California.

"Our objective?" Andrews quipped. "A little dead body surfing."

Andrews and Romano were met by Big Drag and the sepulchral Howard P. Lovelyer, Professor of Supernatural Studies at U.C.L.A. Secretly, they spent the night watching Kourtley's Ghost send one surfer after the [illegible] to that Big Kahuna in the Sky.

"We could tell he was dead," [illegible] shuddered. "Instead of wearing regulation Speedos, [illegible] was dressed in a skimpy body-luggie."

Calling on Professor Lovelyer's occult expertise, Andrews fashioned a plan to lay out

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MISS ADVENTURE

'My [redacted] would be [redacted] adopt the guise of [redacted] gorgeous [redacted] bunny and — not [redacted] put [redacted] fine [redacted] point on [redacted] — raise [redacted] dead'

while, would distract the malicious spirit by seducing him.

"My task would be to adopt the guise of a gorgeous beach bunny and — not to put too fine a point on it — raise the dead. I'd successfully done that with a few Log Cabin Republicans, though they were only deceased from the neck up."

Andrews first consulted an ancient text titled *The Necronomicon*, an abridged version of a much weightier tome called *The Henry Necronomicon*. According to the spells, Andrews had to keep Knarley busy from dusk till dawn, at which point the phantasm would vanish from the Earth forever.

The following evening, dressed in an itsy-bitsy teeny-weeny yellow polka-dot bikini, Miss Adventure lured Knarley's Ghost from the surfing competition for a little beach blanket bingo. After bingo, they played tiddlywinks, Chutes and Ladders and Uncle Wiggily. Even then, it was still an hour till dawn.

"I was desperate," Andrews said. "I suggested another round of Chutes and Ladders, but Knarley pushed me aside. He said if I didn't offer my chute at once, he was taking his ladder elsewhere. I said I wasn't the kind of date who gave a chute, but if he stuck around I'd let him wiggle at my tiddlies. He locked eyes to my face and jotted Dee Dee in the surf.

"I had failed to keep Knarley busy until dawn," Andrews sighed. "Now, taking the ghost down was literally up to Dee Dee."

Luckily, their fears were groundless. With seconds to spare, Dee Dee won the competition. With a snarl of rage, Knarley's Ghost lunged at Romano, but was thwarted when dawn broke over Drag Queen Hollow. The diabolical shade screamed and vanished, never to come again.

"He disappeared not a moment too soon," concluded Andrews with a look of anticipation. "If I ever have to romance a corpse again, I'm definitely going to dress differently. I don't mind someone claiming my titty is itty, but I didn't want word to get around that my weenie was teeny!"

NEXT WEEK:
Miss Adventure's harrowing ride on a runaway train!

WWN UNDERCOVER

MILLIONS OF 3-EYED LIVING AMONG US!

Government blind to the dangers of secret community's growing discontent

By JACK SIEGEL

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Information gathered by *Weekly World News* from the highest levels of the intelligence community has confirmed a small but growing enclave of mutants are living secretly among us.

The self-described Necks-Gen are living proof of Darwin's theory of evolution. Each possess a third eye just above the hairline in the back of the head.

Federal agents became aware of the mutant underground when they busted magician Teddy Sturgeon in Las Vegas. Sturgeon was using the third eye to work a phony magic act at the Cassandra Motel. He was ratted-out by one of the backstage crew. Police initially thought he was an extra-terrestrial and took him into custody.

Now sporting 3 black eyes, Sturgeon told *Weekly World News* that he is, in fact, a member of Necks-Gen.

"There are over a million of us worldwide," he said defiantly. "We mutants have to maintain a low profile. With two-thirds of America believing in Creationism, a.k.a. 'intelligent design,' over evolution, we have reason to be scared. ... over 300 years ago during the Spanish Inquisition.

"People were always looking over their shoulders to see if they were safe," said Sturgeon. "That only made them seem guilty. Over several generations the most paranoid people evolved a third eye so they could watch their backs without being obvious."

The mutants recognize one another by the faint blinking under their hair or tears running down their neck. They long ago took a vow of normalcy, living among non-mutants and concealing their third eyes with floppy hats, turned around baseball caps, kerchiefs, turbans and hoods.

"But we only conceive children with our own kind," Sturgeon said.

Sturgeon also warned officials that there is a growing unrest in the mutant community.

"Many no longer wish to stay underground," he said. "We're tired of turning three blind eyes to the intolerance of the world."

Sturgeon steadfastly refused to name the leaders of the movement and is currently being held in federal custody.

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MUTANTS

LOL POPS

THEY'RE A GAS!

By MANDY CANE

JUNEAU, Alaska – Candy maker Donald Taphle has just released his newest product, one which he hopes will make him a major player in the confection arena.

"They're called LOLpops," said Taphle, "and they're designed to induce uncontrollable laughter in anyone who licks them.

"Unlike old-fashioned pops that have candy centers, we've added a bubble of nitrous oxide," said Taphle. "When the consumer hits the 'laughing gas,' watch out!"

At first, many people were outraged at the idea of having a dangerous chemical in candy.

"We're teaching our children to be junkies!" said Parents Nutrition Group advocate Sara Stuffle.

"So I guess they should stop going to the dentist and taking children's aspirin," Taphle said. "Kids get far more toxins when they walk past a smoker in the street."

Soon, however, people were buying LOLpops like crazy.

"Whenever our six-year-old son throws one of his mega-tantrums, I just give him a LOLpop," said harried Rachel Barnes. "His shouting turns to laughing out loud – and my sanity is saved."

Even adults have been joining the fun.

"LOLpops taste good – and then, suddenly, they taste better," said accounts manager Gil Kemp. "Maybe that's the gas talking, but who cares? My afternoons just fly by."

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NECKS-GENERES tend to work as magicians, spies and hunters – careers that take advantage of the

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

By DORIAN WAGNER

1877
Sling back

A RUDIMENTARY time machine made from a supersize, super-strong rubber band surprisingly worked, jetting its creator way back to the year 1521.

Rupert Yaxlin, 53, of Salzburg, Austria, spent his life trying to perfect his project and figured he had at least three or four years to go when the time machine suddenly just started working. "I was conducting a self-test of the resistance of the rubber at the time," Yaxlin explained. "I wasn't expecting to go any further than five feet, but I ended up going decades!"

Yaxlin only stayed in 1521 for several days before building a similar time machine out of rubber tree vines to send him back to 1877.

1984
Look out below!

A BAG of garbage apparently fell from a passing UFO and smashed onto a northern Kansas mobile home.

"That sack of trash came flying from the sky," said trailer-owner Bob Levens. "It dropped right through the roof and landed on our living room. And when me and Betsy ran out the door to see where it came from, we saw a UFO flying off. Darn aliens didn't even try and pick up their mess!"

Levens said he later picked through the bag to see if there was anything worth keeping, but it was "just discarded gift wrap and paper plates from some out-of-this-world celebration."

1978
Tail end

BABY Saran's parents were shocked when they saw their beautiful newborn was born with a long, fluffy tail.

"It didn't show up in the ultra-sound!" her dad initially pleaded with doctors. But the parents eventually came to appreciate the tail.

"Like a cat's. It showed what she was thinking before she could even talk – by just watching it," her mom said. "If she swatted it, she was angry; if she curled it, she was happy, and if she puffed it up, she was scared."

earthquake . . .

GIANT MUMMY ANT RAVAGES MEXICAN VILLAGE

By [illegible]

DON DEL ORO, Mexico — Deep below Grant's Tomb, Matthew Daemon, SOS (Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals) was monitoring the globe on his super-computer-ized Weird World Network for bizarre phenomena when the phone rang.

"Senior Daemon, is that you?"

"Yes. Who is this?" Daemon demanded. He glared at the caller I.D. which read, "Mint of Country."

"I am Federale Miguel Vargas from Don del Oro in Mexico," said the caller. "A small earthquake has cracked open a hidden chamber of the ancient Temple of the Mercati Montezuma. It has released a rampaging mummified ant — a 15-foot tall giant ant swathed in the bandages of a mummy."

"Our legends tell that such a creature was once forged by a shaman to fight the invading conquistadors from Spain." Vargas went on. "The giant ant was supposedly entombed to make sure he was ever needed again. He isn't — but he doesn't know that."

"A giant mummified ant you say," Daemon replied. "Amigo, I'll need 10 sets of Colorburns, a high-wire net, a sledgehammer — and the assistance of you and your men."

Daemon immediately booked a flight South of the Border.

Soon, Daemon was baiting a trap in the blazing hot noonday sun of Don Del Oro. He stuck the classic geometric-shape Colorburns all over the dusty main street of Vargas' metropolis at each corner of the circle. Then, mallet in hand, he waited.

Before long, the giant mummified ant charged into the town, its antennae swing wildly across the vinyl shapes.

"He appears angry," Vargas exclaimed.

"Not angry," Daemon corrected. "Those festive shapes contain formic acid, the mating pheromone of his species."

"He thinks they are lady ants?"

Daemon nodded. When the ant was directly beneath the net, he signaled the police to cut the supporting ropes. The mesh dropped on the giant insect. Unable to move, the mummified ant tripped over itself and crashed in a tangled heap. The Wizard of Weird walked over and rubbed it over the head with the hammer rendering it unconscious. The lawmen quickly loaded the prone monster onto the back of a flatbed truck and returned it to its sacred resting place.

"Please, Senior Daemon," said Vargas. "Take this golden apple from the temple as a gesture of our gratitude."

"And have Montezuma seek me out for revenge? No thanks," Daemon laughed.

With that, Seeker of Obscure Supernaturals was soon winging his way home to await the next challenge from the unknown.

TO SEE MORE OF MATT DAEMON'S

GREAT SPHINX MYSTERY SOLVED!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXCLUSIVE

By NICK SIEGEL

CAIRO, Egypt — Egyptologist Carter Hull of the British Museum recently discovered an ancient scroll at the base of the Great Pyramids. To his delight and surprise, it solved one of the greatest puzzles of antiquity: The origin and true meaning of the mysterious Great Sphinx of Giza.

"According to the carefully translated hieroglyphics, this great creature with a human head and the body of a lion was originally designed was giant marionette," said Hull. "Apparently, the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids were all part of an elaborate 'show and tell' for the young King Tutankhamen."

"King Tut became ruler of ancient Egypt at age nine," Hull explained. "Since he would [redacted] play Whip the Galley Slaves on the royal barge, his advisors sought a system to help him understand simple concepts like governing and decision making.

"Egyptians of the 18th Dynasty wore sandals with no socks, so sock puppets were out of the question," Hull said. "They had to do something else — something big and grand and certain to hold the boy's attention."

Tut's senior advisor, Hensonnes, worked with Egypt's architects and master builders to conceive the greatest puppet show on Earth. A great stone sphinx was built with the face of Tut's father, Akhenaten.

Employing a series of pulleys and rods worked by thousands of slaves, and using the pyramids as a fulcrum, Hensonnes manipulated the Sphinx so it could walk, talk, sing and even dance.

"According to the papyrus, the nine year old boy pharaoh would laugh and clap his hands in glee as the Sphinx gamboled and sang about how to deal with such problems as the overflowing Nile, locust swarms and the folly of going to war with Ethiopia over the price of figs."

However when the boy King turned 13, he announced that he had outgrown the need for such juvenilia. Plans to construct a companion figure, the great frog Tmad-ankhamen, were cancelled.

Professor Hull intends to stage a re-creation of the giant puppet show.

"It's a [redacted] opportunity to [redacted] the teaching of history with [redacted] tip," he told *Weekly World News*. "Especially since modern pupils have an attention span shorter than Tut's."

Town using swinging rope crosswalks

By ED LEWIS

HOLLYWOOD, Ill. — When traffic needs pedestrians, bad things happen. And the most dangerous spot is a crosswalk that has no traffic light.

But this small southern Illinois town has found a safer way to cross the street. Town planners knew a crosswalk was needed near the new Hollywood mall, but stopping traffic was not practical. Then, Traffic Control Administrator Robert Tracy had an idea.

"I watched a lot of jungle movies as a kid, and I remembered how Tarzan would swing on vines to get across streams," Tracy said. "I thought, why not use ropes to swing pedestrians across the street?"

Tracy's idea was put into practice, and now pedestrians who want to cross the street at the mall simply grab a rope and swing across. Tracy estimates the time a pedestrian is vulnerable to traffic and you can swing over faster than you can walk. It isn't necessary to yell like Tarzan, but it helps."

Planning Commissioner Morris Clark said, "We were really hoping to build a pedestrian footbridge but didn't have the money. The rope was to be a stopgap measure but people seem to like it, kids especially. Even the older folks are getting into the swing of things. In fact, people are going out of their way to cross the street at this location."

"I have no doubt it's here to stay," said

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WWN ARTS SECTION

MOVIE CRITIC NEVER STOPS SPEAKING IN MOVIE AD SUPERLATIVES!

By MARK MILLER

PERNLEY, Nev. — Film critics are notorious for their use of superlatives, big flashy words which are often excerpted in movie ads. For one movie reviewer, 33-year-old Eugene Rupell of *The Nevada Independent*, blurb-speak is a way of life.

"He starts the moment he gets home from work," revealed Tina, Rupell's [redacted] of two years. "He'll walk in and say, 'I had a day to end all days' A day filled with laughter and nonstop excitement. A virtual thrill-ride!"

"It continues during dinner," she said. "After every meal he says something like, 'Honey, that was an absolute roller coaster of a [redacted], a wild journey through a universe of culinary delights!'

"In the morning, when the [redacted] goes [redacted], he'll blurt, 'Sweetie, I just experienced the rest of the century! The sleep to end all sleep! The gold standard of repose!'

"And forget about birthdays and anniversaries," [redacted] wife reported. "Last [redacted] speak its name' A love explosion of the highest order!' And it wasn't even our anniversary!"

"It's sweet, [redacted] it does [redacted]," Tina confided. "Our friends and family [redacted] us, and even the[redacted] afraid to come to the door. Gene always thanks him for his timely arrival and provocative delivery, fraught[redacted] intriguing mystery."

Informed that some people [redacted] his [redacted] lines meaningless and tiresome, and that his wife was considering marriage counseling, Rupell told Weekly World News, "[redacted] is the most astute critique in memories! Its insights are [redacted]!

"I can't [redacted] to report once [redacted] critique again in print!"

REJECTED SEQUELS

By MICHAEL BOYM

LOS ANGELES – While taking out the trash at Cosmic Studios, janitor Ralph Barnes came across a thick file in the garbage bin.

"The label said 'S and P Concepts,'" said Barnes. "It looked very official and I thought it might have been tossed by accident. I decided to take a look."

The file contained ideas for proposed sequels and prequels to popular movies, ideas that were apparently rejected.

Barnes forwarded a copy of the file. The proposals included:

- *Classic Cutie*
- *Raging Calf*
- *Still Unforgiven*
- *Slipper Fish*
- *Son of Rain Man*
- *Brainstorm*
- *The Post-Graduate*
- *Two Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
- *Shirt-Tail Relations*
- *Eight Buildings and Ten Parents*
- *Apocalypse Then*
- *Million Dollar Adolescent*

"These sequels," Barnes said, "it's a pity they still make as many bad movies as they do.

"Then again," he added, "if they threw out [redacted] bad like that

'Category 1'

By MARK MILLER

GALVESTON, Tex. – For the last 17 years, Peter "Hurricane Pete" Hower has been one of Texas' most successful blues musicians.

"I chose the name [redacted] associated with awesome power," he said, "and the name brought me luck. I was always booked solid for one or two years in advance and had more [redacted] than I could possibly handle, thank the Lord."

That changed this year after all the cancellations that tore through Louisiana, Florida, Texas and other states.

Brad Simmons, owner of the Blues Bucket nightclub, had been one of Hurricane's regular employers. Now, he doesn't even want Hower near the club.

[redacted] said, "But with a name like 'Hurricane' the man's a constant reminder of the devastation past and still to come. I'm in business to attract customers, not turn them out and have them leave after one beer."

"I understand the problem and I guess I'm gonna have to change my name," Hower sighed. "But call yet a pawnbrok

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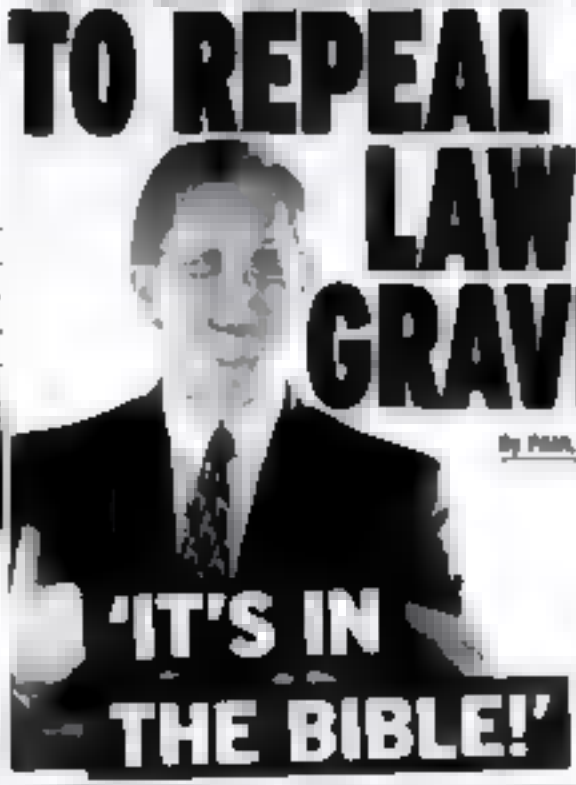
CONGRESS PREPARES TO REPEAL THE LAW OF GRAVITY

By PAUL EDDYS



'IT'S IN THE BIBLE!'

'IT DOESN'T EXIST!'

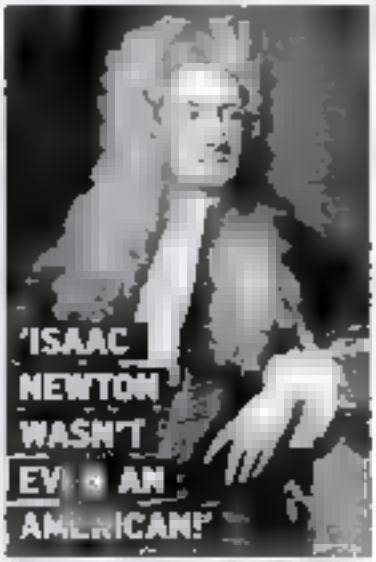
WASHINGTON, D.C. — One of the most divisive battles in [illegible] today [illegible] the debate over the validity of scientific theory. From evolution vs. intelligent design to global warming vs. benign climatic change, stem cell research vs. needless dying, political differences have spilled into the laboratory.

The latest and most vocal debate is over what has been, until recently, one of the bedrocks of science: Gravity.

"Has anyone ever actually seen gravity?" asked Senator Dennis Halfwitt (R-Georgia). "Of course not, because it doesn't exist. The Bible says that Earth and everything on it was created in seven days, and nowhere is gravity mentioned. The reason we don't float off our sweet, flat planet is because the good Lord wants us to stay put.

Dr. Sam 'Right' Winger, a professor of Religious Sciences at Buffalo Smith University, agreed.

"It's all right there in the Bible. In Genesis, verse 7," Winger said, "the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so.' Heaven is firmament; God's will."



'ISAAC NEWTON WASN'T EVEN AN AMERICAN!'

Senator Halfwitt continued. "That's why I've put forth joint resolution [illegible], repealing the so-called Law of Gravity."

"Isaac Newton wasn't even an American," Halfwitt added. "He perpetrated this hoax based on [illegible] never occurred to this heretic, [illegible] also gave the world [illegible] Also [illegible] no sense — that this one [illegible] way of try[illegible] wrong-headed thoughts, and not proof of some airtight theory."

White Hall[illegible] spokesperson [illegible] Meade said, "The president has long believed that gravity should be [illegible] instead of something mandated by law."

[illegible] Bedriver (D-Maine) said the initiative has no chance [illegible]

"But I support my [illegible] Senator Halfwitt to this extent," he said. "If an American doesn't

HEADLINES FROM TOMORROW!

By CHUCK LEE

AFTER opening a popular Chinese restaurant in Manhattan, Chuck Lee discovered that eating large amounts of hot mustard enabled him to foretell the future. Chuck has [illegible] to share [illegible] his numerous predictions in a weekly column.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., 2068 – Despite telling fans that he was done making movies, George Lucas directs another Star Wars trilogy following the adventures of "[illegible] Skywalker, Luke's daughter. The first film is called Howard of Tatooine.

BEIJING, China, 2010 – Chinese become fed up trying to cut food with chopsticks. They add tiny helicopters to the end so they are now, truly, "chop" sticks.

DETROIT, Mich., 2012 – The new Ford automobile is designed with the steering wheel in the center. This eliminates blind spots and leaves room on both sides of the driver to control entertainment centers, phones, food, drink, etc.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2018 – Coffee is declared a narcotic by the Food and Drug Administration.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 2018 – Productivity drops due to lack of caffeine. A new FDA study finds that the previous [illegible] was "in error."

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., 2016 – Escape pods have been installed in the first-class section of airplanes. Business-class travelers get parachutes and coach passengers still have flotation devices.

LOS ANGELES, Calif, 2021 – People have become so fat from eating fast food that restaurants are forced to "double-size" doors so customers can enter.

ARUBA, 2039 – Vacationing at the winter White House, President Jenna Bush declines to comment on the rise of first-class postage stamps to $2.

MANHATTAN, N.Y., 2038 – The last post office closes after selling a

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Friendly Frank flips five flapjacks.

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A MAN'S MAN... PAUL BUNYAN

ONCE A HERO, ALWAYS A HERO!

HIBBING, Minn. — A group of lumberjacks was trudging home when they came across a flyer nailed high on a tree. It said, *Paul Bunyan challenges any and all monsters to a fight next Tuesday. Winner takes the gate.*

"That was real sad to see," said 67-year-old Frank Gibbin. "We hadn't heard a peep from Bunyan in a generation. It was 1949 when he suddenly stopped cutting down trees and just disappeared." Gibbin added, his voice choking, "That's no way for an American legend to end up."

Weekly World News visited the woods last Tuesday hoping to get an interview. There were hundreds of lumberjacks there, thrilled to see Paul Bunyan back in action after all this time. Everyone was curious what monster Bunyan would be roughing up. We found him shadowboxing in a large cave before the fight and approached him. He paused long enough to answer our questions about what he's been doing and where his blue ox Babe had gone.

"What happened was, I realized that cutting down trees was bad for the planet," said the sweaty giant, who was dressed in trunks made of layered bark. "They all came from fallen trees," he assured us.

"After I quit lumberjacking I joined Green World up in Canada to help save the environment," he went on. "I wanted Babe to be the new mascot but he was approached by Happy Homesites land developer to clear miles of forest [illegible] development and [illegible] paid better than [illegible] World — they [illegible] him [illegible] own [illegible] — so he took the job and we parted ways.

"It was sad, but there was nothing else to do," he said. "I went around making sure that the [illegible] preserved, keeping a low profile and picking up [illegible] left behind. I felt good about myself. But — [illegible]

A [illegible] of their own...

Trendy kindergarten has its own sororities & fraternities!

By [illegible] Mann

JOLIET, Ill. — Like most kindergartens throughout the nation, the Fenbaine School teaches children to color, do simple puzzles, and listen to the teacher. But because the Fenbaine School is also a trendy, expensive private school, it offers something that sets it apart from the typical public school kindergarten: preschool fraternities and sororities!

"It's a growing trend," said headmaster Elsworth Sweet. "Even at this young age, children are very aware of their social standing. Introducing them to Greek life helps them learn to make friends and to socialize in a controlled environment."

Sweet said the school's Greek system also helps acquaint children to the idea that some of them will have an elevated standing in the family of man."

"It's so cool!" said Phi Epsilon president Billy Tomkins, 5. "It's like a secret club and if you're not in one of them, you're a big dumb loser."

Christine Lauren, 4, of Delta Kappa, agreed. "I wuv it. We have our very own T-shirts and we promise to be friends for life."

The individual fraternities and

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BRAINTEASER

I am light as a feather, but the strongest [illegible] can't [illegible] for more [illegible] a minute. What am I?

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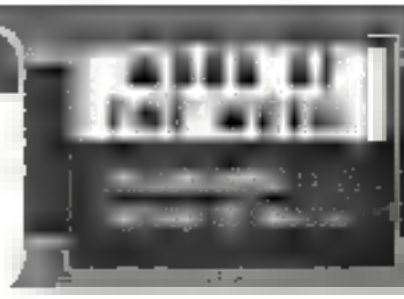

This is an extreme close-up of a common object. Can you tell what it is?

RETURNS!

World was ahead of its time.

Without funds, they shut down. "I've been wandering since then, living off the land. I came back because I was lonely — and needed money for new clothes."

After our chat, Bunyan was ready for the fight. But except for a large bear who wandered into the clearing and scared some of the lumberjacks, no opponent showed up.

"Not even a second-rate monster like the Crawling Eye or Them!" heckled one of the paying customers.

Apparently no monster was interested in fighting a forgotten giant. Several lumberjacks booed the fallen hero. Their money was refunded and Paul Bunyan stalked away in shame.

Not content to watch an American icon fade into the wilderness, Weekly World News tracked down Happy Homesites and Bunyan's lost friend Babe. We explained the situation to the big blue ox, who immediately stopped pulling out trees in Colorado and galloped to Minnesota to see his friend. There were tears aplenty as the estranged legends embraced. There was also a tremor that was felt 50 miles away.

"I want to thank Weekly World News for reuniting us," said the grateful Bunyan. "We'll never let anything come between us again."

Days later we learned that Bunyan and Babe had started their own disaster relief company, applying their great strength to help Americans in need.

"That's what American legends do," an elated Frank Gibbio remarked.

snack time. Since they were founded last fall, only one of the [illegible]

"We're not allowed to make pledges drink five chocolate milks in a row this year," explained a

KID BUILDS HOUSE OF LEGOS FOR HIS FAMILY!

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Even though his parents were down on their luck, 5-year-old Joey Heath still got the super-duper Lego set he wanted for his birthday. To show his gratitude, he decided to use the interlocking plastic blocks to build his family a multi-roomed new home.

"He looked at me with a crooked face and told me he was making a bigger house for us," his mom recalled. "I was seven months pregnant then, and Joey said he wanted to make sure his 'brother-sister' — we didn't want to know the sex until it was born — had room to grow."

Despite the fact that Joey received the Lego set in December, his mom learned that he had been working on the project since [illegible]. Joey realized the record at Legos he had was nowhere near enough to build a house, but he would not be deterred.

"He asked all the kids in the neighborhood for their Lego sets!" his mom beamed. "And the other parents even bought him extra above that for his project."

The family eventually ended up with a comfortable two-

WEIRD PICTURE SEARCH

CAN you find the 10 thunderous morons hidden in this illustration by renowned artist Sergio Aragones? Check next week's issue for the answer key!

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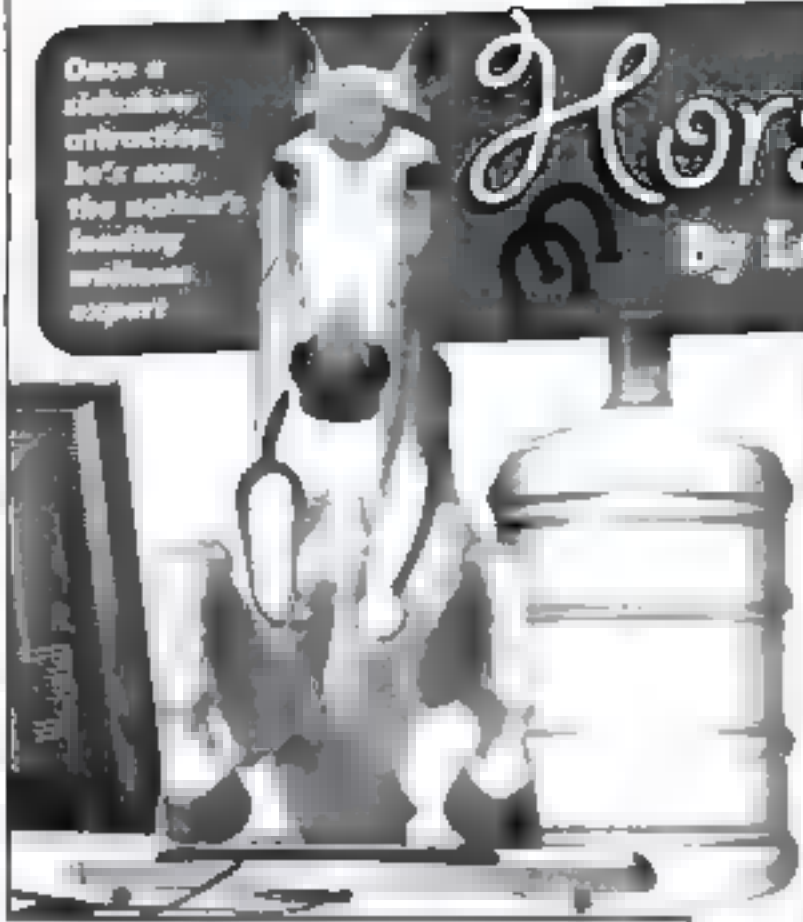
Horse Sense

By Lambert the Typing Horse

Once a stubborn attraction, he's now the nation's leading wellness expert



Do I really need to drink 8 glasses of water every day?

Dear Mr. Horse: Everyone keeps telling me to drink eight glasses of water a day but I don't feel like drinking that much. Is it really important to drown myself like that?

— Debbie Rogers
Boston, Mass.

Dear Debbie:

Absolutely not! Being a horse, I drink 10 gallons of water a day. But there are some horses that only drink 5 gallons. Listen to your body. Your height, weight, gender and amount of physical activity will determine your water needs. Remember, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. The same goes for people.

I get lots of sleep but I'm still tired

Dear Mr. Horse: I usually sleep about eight hours a night but I'm still tired during the day. What's up with that?

— Steven Steinberg
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Steven:

Many factors affect the quality of sleep, such as a quiet environment (wear earplugs if you must) and good ventilation. I find that going to sleep when the sun goes down, and waking when it rises, coincides with nature's design and gives us the soundest sleep. However, I also recommend sleeping on your feet. It's great for the circulation and respiration.

What's the best exercise?

Dear Mr. Horse: What is the best way to stay in shape?

— Warren Turner
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Warren:

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— Peter Whelp
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GLIDE THE FRIENDLY SKIES

By NICK SHIRLEY

New airline takes the bite out of high cost of fuel!

DeHAVILLAND, [redacted] – [redacted] to the high cost of jet fuel, eccentric billionaire and aviation buff Gray Richardson has announced the formation of a new airline – one that gives new meaning to "riding the wind."

"Glide Air was created to be fuel efficient," Richardson told Weekly World News. "We have gas-free motorless gliders, like the air corps used during wartime. They comfortably hold 30 passengers and a crew of 3. We attach several Glide Air craft to a 747 by tether. When they're above their destinations, the gliders are released and they sail on in.

"Using these gliders will cut operating costs by more than 85 percent," he said. "And passengers will enjoy the fact that our cabins are very, very quiet."

However, Federal New Plane Commissioner Chuck Meager is skeptical about the venture.

"First, once you release the glider from the parent jet it's at the mercy of the prevailing winds," Meager said. "Second, you can't circle the airport if there's a delay. Third, you only get one turn at the runway. If the pilot doesn't come in exactly right he can't turn around and try again."

Undaunted, Richardson expects to have Glide Air fully operational by October.

"I don't know what the FNPC is in a huff about," said Richardson. "No aircraft is 100 percent safe. At least we don't have to worry about the biggest cause of air disaster – engine failure."

By CHARLES OUD

World [redacted] reporting [redacted] yesterday [redacted] between a [redacted] (1) [redacted] Unlight as that event was, the new tyrants were soon displaced as the top attraction at the Ocean Realm aquarium.

"One moment I was observing the inmates of the tanks when I heard a [redacted] scream," said Chris Hodges, janitor. "I looked up and saw our octopus Amy pressing at the glass, [redacted] dark writing on the inside. It said 'I Was a Slave.' I got spooked and ran to get the manager."

Manager Rhoda Ellis [redacted] quickly came to see what had frightened Hodges.

"Octopi have ink sacs which shoot a dark fluid for defense," said Ellis. "I figured it was a fluke. But no — Amy had actually used her ink to communicate with us. We've been so busy studying the intelligence of dolphins that we overlooked our eight-tentacled friends. Not only did she master English, she wrote backwards so

OUT OF THIS WORD SEARCH!

W	E	M	X	P	K	C	E	R	W	P	I	H	S	M	X	R	E	S
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HOW TO PLAY

Look up, down, backward, forward [redacted] sideways – in all directions – to find the words or names about all things *Titanic* in the list below.

SINKING	ATLANTIC OCEAN
CRUISE	
LUXURY	RICHES
MAIDEN VOYAGE	GOLD
	PRICELESS ART
CHAMPAGNE	
VIOLIN	LIFEBOAT
DINNER	RAFTS
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AT SEA	
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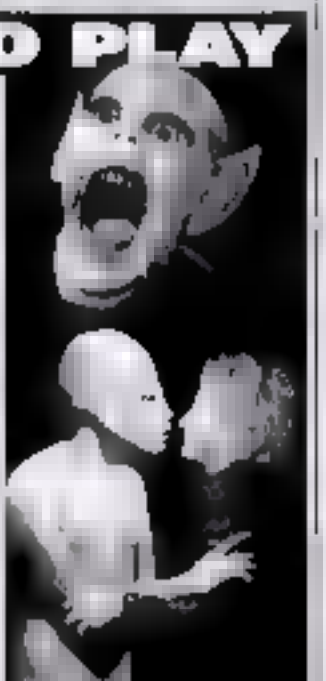

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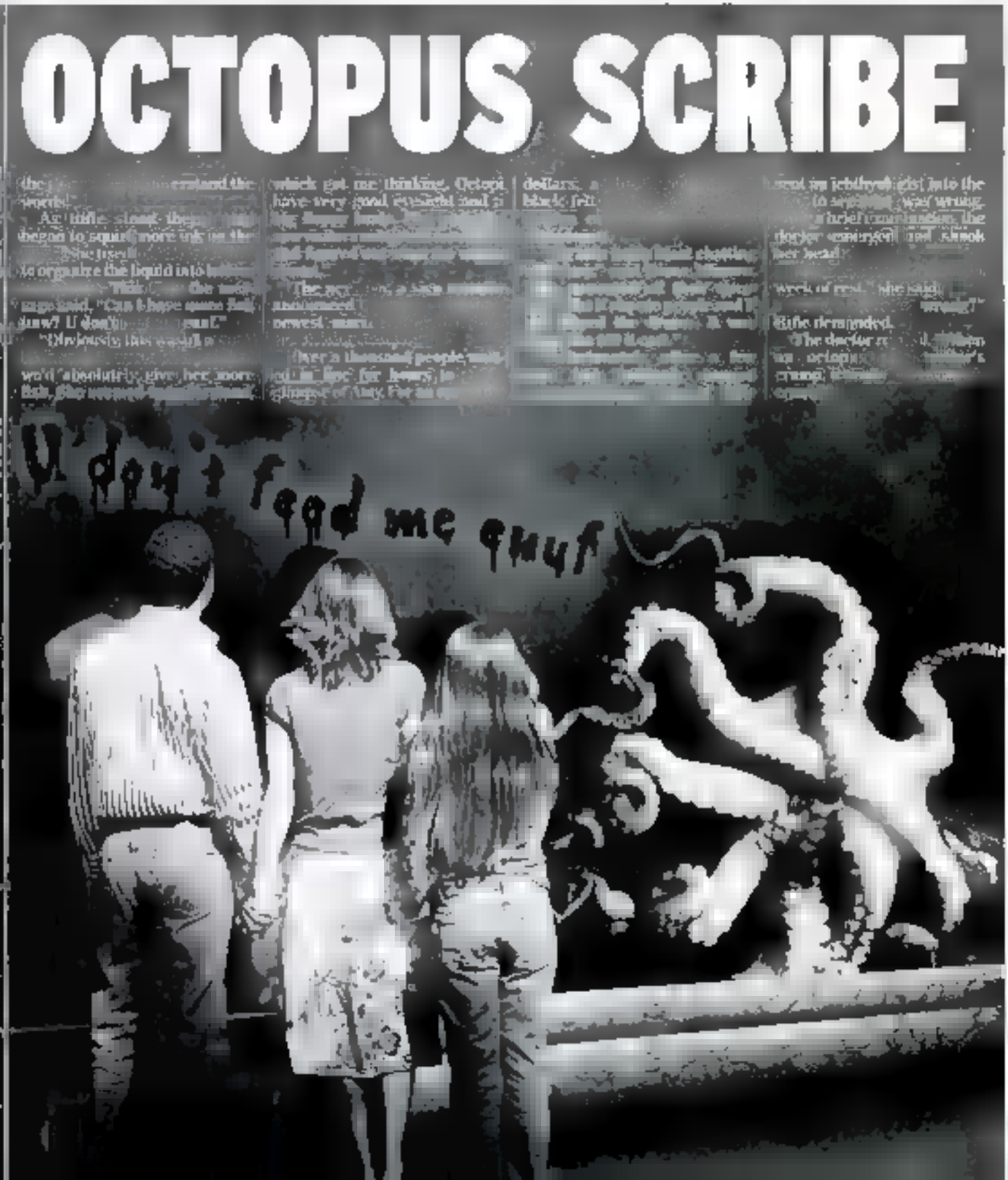

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ACROSS

1 The home office
8 United Kingdom (2 wds)
12 Will beneficiary
14 Engine need
15 Health resort
16 Word on a Christmas card
19 Reclaimed
20 Authority
21 Driver's license, at times (2 wds)
23 Last Supper attendees
25 Playground fixtures
26 Likewise
27 Biting, pungent
28 Pelvic pouch
30 On the spot
31 Engraver
34 Ogled
36 Gentle breeze
38 Footprint, perhaps
40 Heathen
41 Sushi selection
42 Life of Riley
44 Senior, to Junior
45 Edison's initials
47 Clinton's VP
48 Ginger cookie
50 Cats and dogs, often
51 Victoria's Secret stock
58 Period
54 Throw out
56 Nectar collectors
58 Greek letter
59 Mortgage payer
60 Turn back to zero
65 Board pieces
68 Requiring a scratch
70 Popular song of yore
71 Artist's prop
73 Pays no heed to
75 Touchdown
77 Love dearly
79 Part of USNA
81 Princess of the Punjab
83 Flyer fillers
84 Permits
86 Chicken dish
Vine fruits
Dorothy
Ocean
92 Good opponent
94 Walk-to-do
95 Prognosticator
97 Pain in the neck
98 Sketch
100 "Stop and smell the —"
101 Daytime TV fare, briefly
102 Steakhouse choice
103 Poem part
104 Armed uprising
106 Call it quits
107 Put in order
108 Senility
111 Napped leather
112 Treelyne tract of Asia
114 Departs
116 Summer TV fare
117 Copied
118 Tibetan ox
119 Short-lived craze
120 Cupid's cousin
122 American newspaper
125 Genetically altered cows
128 Statute
128 A way out
130 Water whirl
131 Goat-legged god
132 Fire-breathing monsters
135 Bickies
138 Gratuities
140 Wine choice
141 — Mahal
143 Feather scarves
144 Word on a button
147 Young cat
148 Shallow pool
161 Foundation
164 Lifts up
166 Small pie
156 Actress Laura
160 PTA member
161 Large poisonous snakes
162 Cannes and cupids
167 Brandish
168 Stocking stuffer
169 Tiller attachment
170 Hops and barley grass
171 Make louder
174 Watch one's weight
176 Playbill group
177 Have a hero
179 Goes bad
181 Jokaps bat "— Player"
183 Felt
185 Manganese
187 Oriental sauce
189 Dear's love
190 Bit part
191 It may be blessed
192 Cookbook verb
193 Breadwinner's receipt
195 Disorderly throng
197 Actress Kelly
199 Religion
202 Sad bogie call (2 wds)
204 Actress Hunt
206 Material's texture
208 Hard glazed roll
211 Runner's competition
212 Pass on
215 Dentist's degree (Abbr)
216 Heavenly glows
217 Post box donations
226 Lena's land
222 Zilch
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225 Wrestling surface
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241 Rice dish
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245 Cable message
246 Went it alone
247 Violent uprising
248 More unsteady
249 Bell-shaped lily
250 Ms partner
251 Tit for —
252 Yikes!
253 Marketplace performer
254 Polygraph machines

DOWN

1 Bee abode
2 Blackboard need
3 Way to go
4 Colored
5 Fabled city (2 wds)
7 Adventurous action
8 Native American
9 Hang back
10 Foot part
11 Worthy beginning
12 Bald
13 Firstborn
17 Go by, as time
18 Beirut native
19 Sandman's gift
20 Stacks
22 Mournful tune
24 Heroic tales
25 That girl
29 Fretsaw
32 Prison unit
33 Hispaniola, today
35 Mr. Nicklaben
37 "— to Brute?"
39 Fishing basket
39 Not as much
43 Petty quarrel
45 Meat and potatoes
46 Short, for one
51 Elder citizen
52 Wiped out
53 Painful spasms
56 Rent payer
60 Case inhabitor
61 Approaches
62 Bring in the sheaves
64 Canvas structure
65 Eye sore
67 Gavel
69 Heckle constantly
72 Sounds the alarm
74 Embellished
76 Warped
78 Drying kiln
79 Unmarried
80 Immerse
81 Keep for later
82 Declares
83 Do a hitch
84 Walkway
86 Reporter's scoop
88 Italian city
89 Mistake
90 Take an oath
91 Man from Mars
93 Black magic
96 Joyous
97 Worked as a model
99 In the rear
105 Overseas dollar
109 Goblet feature
109 Contract condition
110 Courage
112 Early Russian satellite
113 Oriental
114 Football maneuver
115 Chicken noodle container
[illegible] English racetrack
[illegible] Remains behind
[illegible] Golf score
1[illegible] Hang down
1[illegible] Hit bunker
1[illegible] Cause of a shoot-out
1[illegible] "David Copperfield" character
133 Perth native, for short
134 Barbecue rod
135 Shanty
138 Body pumps
137 Give it a whirl
139 Dignified
140 Discourage
142 World weary
143 Edges
144 It goeth before a fall
145 "Behind the — ball"
148 Peddles
149 Agpers and oaks
150 Frozen
151 Trite
152 Bleacher features
153 Work of fiction
155 Try out
157 Demonstrated
158 Candles
160 Certain racehorses
163 Gasp for breath
164 Impaled
165 Cuts in half
166 "Auld Lang —"
170 Argue
172 Street sign
175 Flu symptom
178 Championships
178 Partly open
180 Cry of pain
182 Woodsman's tools
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194 Party game
198 Spartan vessel
196 "Cheerfruits Keeping — — when fit"
198 Tacks on
200 Come up against
201 They eat oats
205 Overindulged
206 Camera part
207 Party program
209 Menu phrase (2 wds)
210 Fence opening
211 Say it ain't so
212 Do bad
214 Bigfoot creatures
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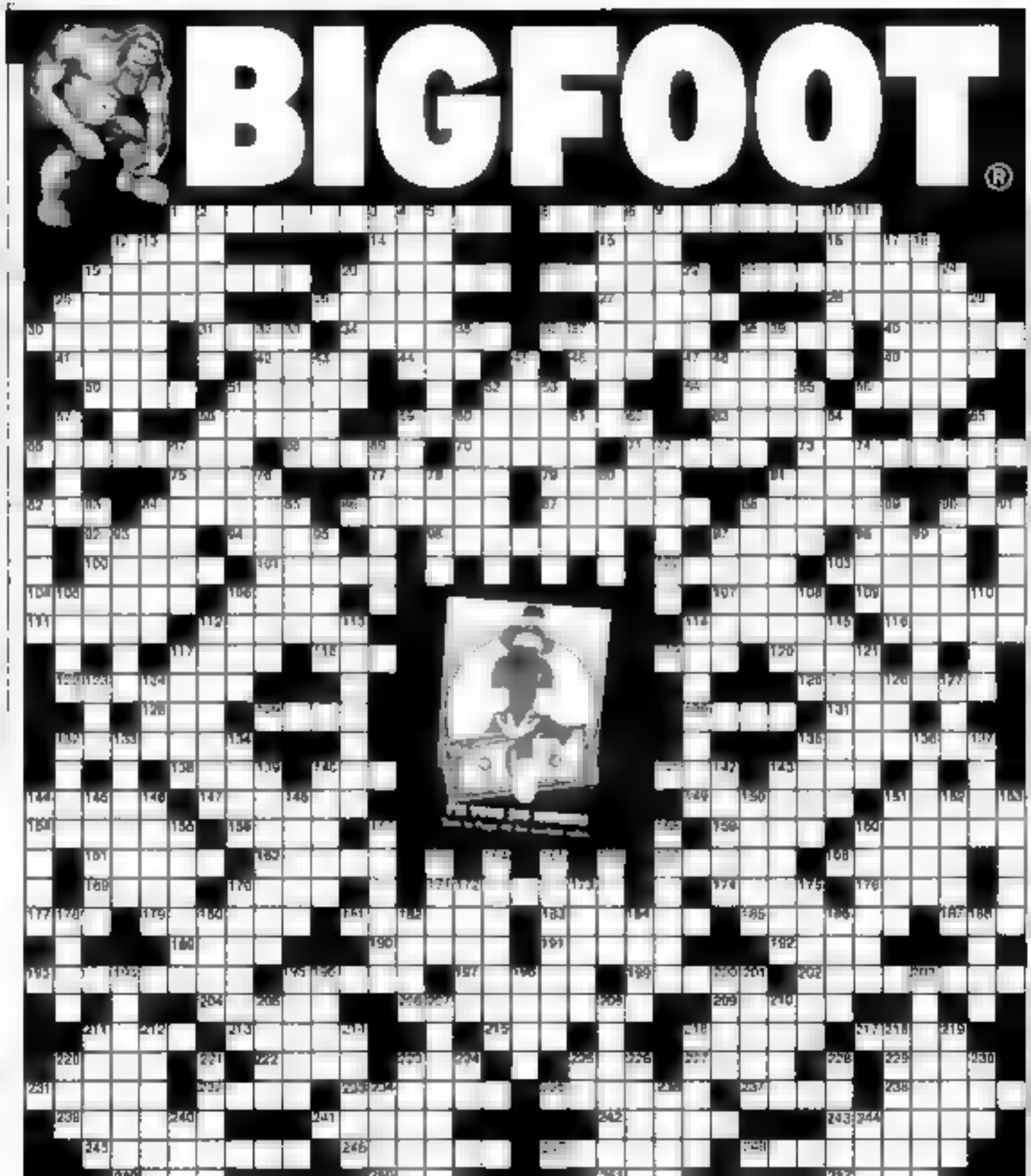
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At first I thought it was cute, but now it's driving me crazy. Also, I'm worried that Diane will "tell" Katie to do something harmful [redacted] herself or others. — Frustrated in Frankfurt.

Dear Frustrated: That's a real concern, [illegible] friend. Your daughter is rebelling against you by [redacted] the imaginary friend as her middleman (or woman).

Tell Diane she'll have to wait in the next room so you can talk to Katie alone. Explain that you're worried she'll get into trouble listening to Diane. If she keeps it up, take both of them to a child psychologist.

My fiancé picks up [redacted]

Hi, Dolly: [redacted] fiancé Frank is an insurance salesman who drives all over [redacted]. He calls me [redacted] the road and there is usually someone in the car with him because he picks up hitchhikers.

[illegible] one on the side of the road going 80 m.p.h.?

It's just a matter of time until some sicko gets in the car. What do you think? He'll listen to you. — Selma in Grand Rapids

Dear Selma: I agree with you 100 percent, pumkin. Kudos to warmhearted Frank for trying to be a Good Samaritan. [redacted] playing Russian Roulette: sooner or later he's going to get the loaded chamber.

I had a male friend who picked up a female hitchhiker who accused him of molesting her. With just the two of them in the car it was tough to prove otherwise.

Tell Frank I say the next time he spots a hitchhiker, he should keep his foot on the gas pedal.

How do you say 'sorry' after 20 years?

Hi, Dolly: My best friend Ronnie and I got [redacted] an argument 20 years ago and haven't spoken since. It was about some silly thing and I miss her very much. If I call her, do you think she'll forgive me or tell me to go to h-e-double toothpicks? — Sorry in Tulsa

Dear Sorry: There's no way of knowing unless you make the call. It's a tragedy that you lost 20 years together. It would be a big-[illegible] ably misses you too, and I'm betting the farm the two of you will be laughing faster than folks finish my rhubarb pie.

My hubby is still running the rat race

Hi, Dolly: My husband and I are retired and love to take short car trips. The problem is he ignores me when I ask to stop to take a look at little shops. He's always rush, rush, rush.

How can I get him to slow down? — Tired of Racing in Sacramento

Dear Tired of Racing: To you, love bun, retirement means taking it easy. Yet your man is still [redacted] race. Piffle on that. It's just typical male behavior.

Trust me, muffin — I've been through two hubbies and no amount of talk will change him.

What you need to do is refuse to go anywhere if it's going to be a race. Either he'll go alone (which ain't no fun) or he'll learn that you have a say in the agenda too.

My girlfriend lied about her age!

Hi, Dolly: My girlfriend Frieda and I are weeks away from getting married. We met two years ago in a club. When I told her I was 22, she said she was 24.

Imagine my surprise when we went for the marriage license and I discovered she [redacted] really 34. She says if [redacted] her [redacted]. I probably wouldn't have [redacted] her (which is true).

As time went by, she didn't know how to tell me. What should I do? Should I call off the [illegible]

[redacted]. Yes, you feel betrayed and lied to and yadda, yadda, yadda.

But you can understand her dilemma. The real question is: Do you love her? Does she love you? If the answer's a big fat "yes," age shouldn't matter more than a turkey's head on Thanksgiving. She's still the same person she was last week.

P.S. She's [redacted] exactly a [redacted]

Mommy [redacted] my baby brother more than [redacted]

Hi, Dolly: My mother reads your column every week, so I'm writing this letter in the hopes she'll see it. I'm a fifth-grade student, 11 years old. I have a little brother Kevin who is five.

It's very plain that my parents love Kevin more than me. At the dinner table, they're interested in every moment of [redacted] life. They hardly ask about mine. I feel hurt over this. — Shannon in Cedar Bluff

[redacted] Shannon. I'm so sorry you're hurting, lull. First, do some soul searching to see if your anger doesn't stem from losing mama and daddy's full attention, which you had for years.

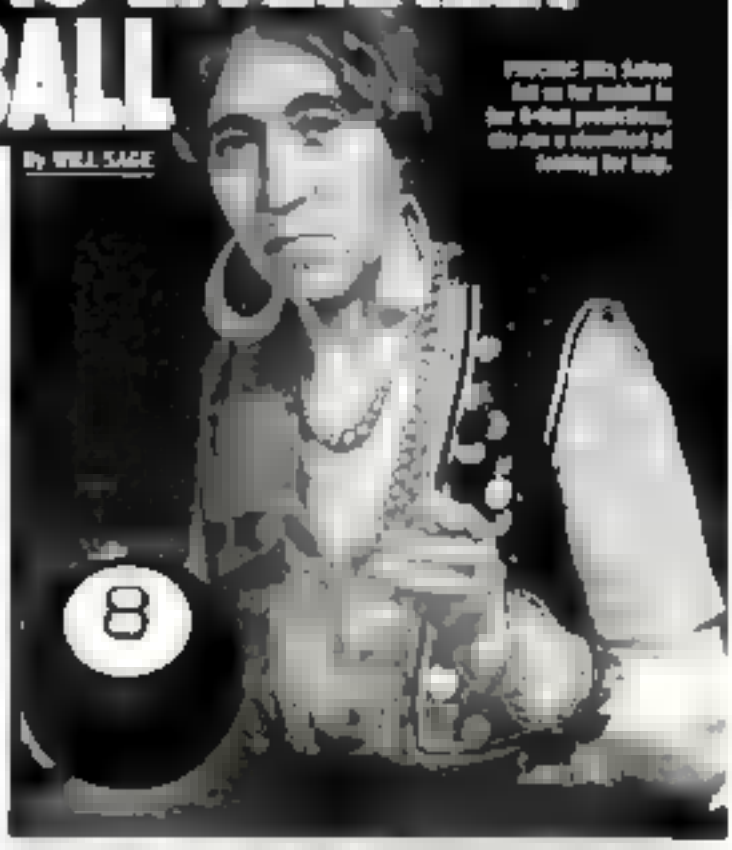
If sibling jealously isn't the problem, go ahead and confess your pain to your parents. Chances are good they'll understand and try to fix things. If they say your problem is stupider than Brian water in a pigpen, go to your [redacted] guidance counselor.

The three of you would benefit from some good counseling.

Too [illegible] to predict . . .

AGING PSYCHIC IS LITERALLY BEHIND THE 8-BALL

By WILL SAGE



Psychic Rita Salem has let us down in her 8-ball predictions, she ran a classified ad looking for help.

GERMANTOWN, Pa. — Last year, Weekly World News was asked to run an ad that read, LOOKING FOR PSYCHICS! AM BEHIND THE 8 BALL! HELP!"

Intrigued, we contacted the advertiser, Rita Salem. It took 11 months for the 72-year-old to get back to us — with good reason. She is a very special mystic.

"You know those large novelty 8-Balls where you ask questions and then turn them over for the answer?" replied Salem. "Well I control all the replies. And I needed help."

The Mystic 8-Ball was created in the [illegible] a fun way to deal with the feelings of insecurity in the Red-scare nuclear age.

"I got into [illegible] business in my early twenties, when I was just a tarot card reader at a carnival," said Salem. "I had all kinds of energy then and was capable of handling the thousands of questions that people asked the 8-Ball. I'd sit in this very reclining chair and get 'pings' from people. Then I'd send psychic waves back to the 8-Balls to instruct them how to answer.

"That's one reason we limited the number of responses in each ball to things like, 'Outlook Not So Good' and 'Without a Doubt,'" Salem said. "It was easier for me. Plus that was enough to cover most of the questions back then.

"But as decades passed and the popularity of the 8-Ball grew, I started to get overwhelmed," she said. "I'd send back more and more. Ask again. Later replies. More people became more savvy. They wanted more specific answers."

Last year, she finally threatened to quit if she didn't get some help. Now Salem has a half-dozen young prognosticators helping her. Even better, the Mystic 8-Ball business has been able to expand. There are more answers now, as well as 8-Balls designed for girls, boys, and [illegible] age groups.

"It's one less piece of mail to your newspaper," she said gratefully. "I knew that a lot of psychics [illegible] Weekly [illegible] News. We like to know what's happening in the [illegible] of the extraordinary, and we [illegible] that from the New York Times."

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WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT VOODOO?

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VOODOO is an ancient religion in which a single powerful god interacts with the human world through spirits (lesser gods) and through the souls of ancestors. ■ voodoo ceremonies, priests and priestesses fall into a trance, allowing the gods to enter their bodies and speak or heal through them. The religion is practiced by more than 60 million people around the world.

1) The word "voodoo" comes from . . .

a) The distinctive hairstyle known as "voo" worn by practitioners.
b) An African word for "spirit."
c) The name of the drums used in some voodoo ceremonies.
d) The sound of rhythmic chanting.

2) Voodoo originated in . . .

a) Haiti.
b) The Dominican Republic.
c) New Orleans.
d) West Africa.

3) Which of the following would not be found on a voodoo altar?

a) Cigarettes.
b) A bottle of rum.
c) The Ten Commandments.
d) A crucifix.

4) Voodoo spirits are called . . .

a) Lwa.

5) Voodoo rituals sometimes involve . . .

a) Human sacrifice.
b) Animal sacrifice.
c) Getting drunk.
d) Staying awake for up to a week.

6) A voodoo priest is called an . . .

a) Orangutan.

7) When a voodoo priest or priestess ■■ the "gift of eyes" ■■■ means they can . . .

a) See protective spirits.
b) Cure the sick.
c) Predict the future.
■■■■ spells.

■■■ zombie is . . .

a) A living person of low

c) Someone who doesn't get enough sleep.
d) An evil person who enjoys hurting others.

ANSWERS

1a. Voodoo spirits are thought to control many aspects of human life. Ceremonies to summon them often involve drumming, singing and dancing.

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religion to the Caribbean where it flourished in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

3 c. Voodoo is a combination of ancient African practices and Catholicism, so the Ten Commandments, which are prominent in Jewish worship, would not be placed on a voodoo altar. However, cigarettes and rum are frequently offered to voodoo spirits.

4 d. The loa (sometimes spelled "lwa") are the voodoo spirits most willing to interact with humans. They can protect or destroy and have many of the feelings and failings of humans. It's important to treat them with respect and to give them presents. Among the many loa are [illegible], an evil spirit who takes the form of an animal; Baron [illegible], who [illegible] dead; Damballa, the serpent spirit; and Ezili, the female spirit of love. Ayida Wedo, Damballa's wife, is the rainbow spirit.

5 b. The sacrificed animal (usually a goat, sheep, chicken or dog) is presented to the loa to satisfy its hunger. Afterwards, the animal is sometimes cooked and eaten by the people at the voodoo ceremony.

6 c. A voodoo priest or priestess (mambo or houngan) is an intermediary between humans and spirits. During rituals, an [illegible] or [illegible] falls into a trance and is possessed by a spirit.

7 a. In voodoo belief, each person has a "gros bon ange" or "big guardian angel." Some voodoo priests and priestesses can see them hovering near the person they protect. Voodoo priests and priestesses can also cure the sick, predict the future and weave spells.

8 b. Zombies are people who did not die a natural death and whose soul is owned and used by another. Zombies are not necessarily evil, though their owner may use them for evil purposes. Some people say that zombies never really died but were given a potion by a sorcerer and buried in the belief they were dead. When they emerge from the grave, they are enslaved by the sorcerer.

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SWITCHER OOPS!

Confused couple wakes head in bed

By JANE PATRICK

PATERSON, N.J. — Tom and Rachel Dopelle woke up one Saturday morning feeling not quite like themselves.

"I was much heavier," said Rachel. "And my face was sort of sweaty."

"My hands felt smaller," said Tom. "And my chest did not."

It wasn't until they were fully awake and looked at each other that they learned the truth.

"We had somehow switched bodies," said Tom.

It took a few minutes for the shaken couple to calm down. Their German shepherd McCoy was totally confused. Dressing, the couple went to their doctor's office and waited until he arrived.

"I gotta tell you, it felt weird sitting there in a housedress," Tom said. "Drafty, too."

The doctor saw the Dopelles immediately.

"I couldn't find anything physically wrong with them," said Dr. Paul Rubenstein. "A CAT scan showed no abnormalities. [illegible] they were suffering from some kind of shared delusion. We retraced their steps from the night before and tried to figure out how this had happened."

"I remembered that Tom was so tired from work that he passed out on my side of the bed," [illegible] "He was so heavy I couldn't push him over. So I slept on his side. That must have been what caused the change."

The couple decided they would sleep on their proper sides that night. In the meantime, they were stuck seeing the world through the eyes of the opposite sex.

"I have to admit, it's was empowering having greater physical strength," said Rachel. "It was easier carrying groceries. I was less thrilled about having so much hair on my body, especially my back."

Tom found his experience unsettling. "I didn't like having men look at me," he said. "I hated having to take tiny steps and I was bummed to find that I liked wine better than beer. It was also strange having a higher voice — especially one I was so used to tuning out."

That night, Tom and Rachel slept on their own sides of the bed.

"I couldn't bring myself to kiss myself good-night," Tom said from [illegible]'s body. "Although Rachel seemed open to it, I didn't want to kiss a man's lips — not even my own. We just said goodnight and turned off the light."

In the middle of the night

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Solution to this week's puzzle on Page 42

'I couldn't find anything physically wrong with them . . . they were suffering from some kind of shared delusion'

McCoy barked to be taken outside.

"He had hidden all day and really needed to go," Tom said. "I took him for a quick walk then sat on the couch and just passed out."

His spot usurped, the dog went to sleep beside Rachel.

The next morning, the three had quite a shock.

"Yeah . . . this is all very strange," Tom said, forcing his dog lips to form words. "We're going to try and get it right tonight. We have to. I've got to go to work tomorrow."

INCREDIBLE EDIBLE TOOTHPASTE!

By [redacted]

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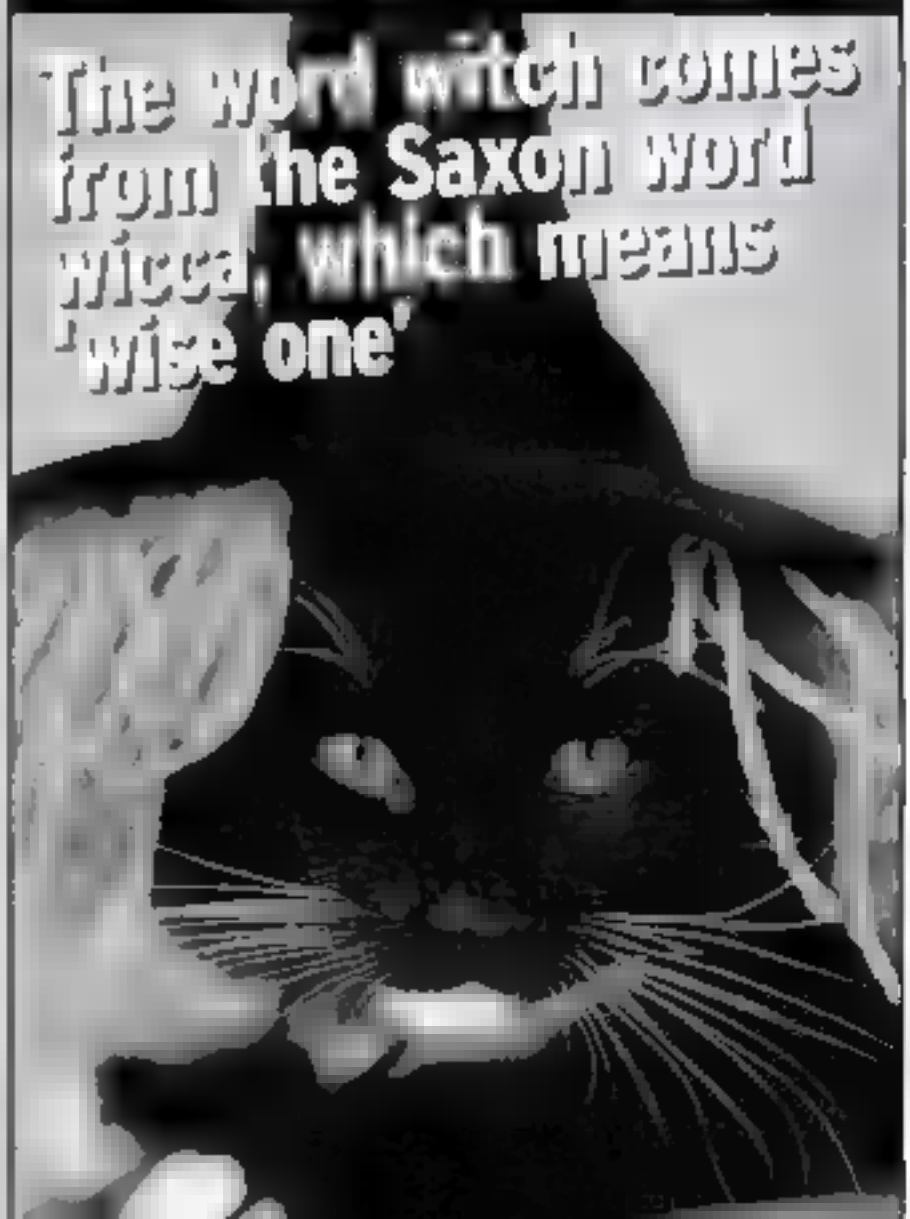

By DORIAN HARKER

FIFTY-SEVEN Bic pens are sold every second. Papaya can be used as a meat tenderizer. Felix the Cat's girlfriend was [redacted] Phyllis.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

● Male cockatoos can [redacted], but females can only sing and chirp.

● Tom Selleck played a corpse in the movie *Coma*.

● A "googol" is the number 1 followed by 100 [redacted]. A "[redacted]plex" is a 1 followed by a googol of zeros.

● Chocolate [redacted] over [redacted] flavoring components — twice as many as vanilla or strawberry.

● The [redacted] animal bought for the Lincoln Park Zoo was a bear cub — for $10!

● "It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato." — Lewis Grizzard

● Executives [redacted] an [redacted] hours a week.

● According to a Northwestern University study, men change their minds [redacted] three times more than women.

● Greek mythology's goddess of the rainbow was Iris.

● The national bird of India is the peacock.

● If you yell for eight [redacted], seven months and [redacted] days, you will have produced enough energy to heat a cup of coffee.

● Saturn's rings are not made of rock, but billions of tiny pieces of water-ice particles.

● Americans spend more money every year on [redacted] food than baby food.

● "Weather forecast for tonight: dark." — George Carlin

● The average [redacted] spends 25 [redacted] year making beds.

● More than one-third of all the telephones in the world are in the U.S.

● Viewed [redacted] above, [redacted] are donut-shaped.

● Most people's legs are different lengths.

● It [redacted] 24 [redacted] to get the [redacted] wear a [redacted] bracelet that causes laughter in church.

● Twelve cows are a flunk.

● A perfectly clean fire produces no smoke.

● Federal guidelines require there to be 21 to 25 jumbo shrimp in a pound.

● A body decomposes four times faster in water than on land.

● The only letter that does not appear on the Periodic Table is "J."

● Robinson Crusoe spent 28 years shipwrecked on an island.

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The Empire State Building is hit by lightning about 500 times a year.

John Lennon was born on Oct. 9, 1940, in Liverpool, England — during an air raid.

Some giraffes are about 6 feet tall at birth.

GAL CAN'T STOP SAYING *LIKE!*

TO BE OR NOT, LIKE, TO BE ...

By NANCY STEWART

LOS ANGELES — Psychiatrist Lynn Guist has begun to treat a new patient with a very strange disorder.

"Like, my problem is like . . like . . . so like difficult to like . . deal with," said Lacey Skipp. "I like . . . say the word 'like', like, too much. And like I can't like . . stop saying it!"

"The problem is similar to Tourette's Syndrome, which compels an individual to use obscene language," said Dr. Guist. "Instead of swearing to fill blank spaces in dialogue, the sufferer uses 'like.'"

This condition, called 'Likeadasical Brain Disorder,' begins between the ages of 5 and 10 and reaches its full intensity in the late teens.

"Lacey's LBD was caused by two factors," said Dr. Guist. "Overexposure to digital images on DVDs, cell phones and computers that causes brain cells to pixelize, shutting them off from the thought process, and the unrestrained use of 'like' by Lacey's friends and classmates."

PSYCHIATRIST Lynn Guist sits down with patient Lacey.

The problem became apparent during English class when Lacey was asked to read an excerpt from *Hamlet*. Her teacher vividly recalled her recitation.

"She said, 'To, like, be or, like, not to be. That's, like — the question,'" Mrs. Eileen McMahon recalled. "When I asked her to read the text properly she did it the same way over again."

We asked Lacey why she waited so long to address this problem.

"Like, I thought that, like, it was, like, normal," said Lacey. "Like . . everyone in my school, like, talks like that."

Dr. Guist is treating Lacey with two forms of care.

"I've prescribed papillasant which makes it difficult for the tongue to say the letter L," said Dr. Guist. "It makes a mess of her name, but what can you do?

"Lacey is also taking extensive speech therapy. The key is to expand her vocabulary and teach her to substitute elegant words in place of 'like.' For instance, instead of saying, 'I was, like, whatever,' she's being trained to say, 'I expostulated, whatever!'"

So far Lacey has made slow but steady progress.

"I — um, ahhh . . I — really appreciate what Dr Guist has — ahhhh — effectuated for me," said Lacey. "I'm confident that soon I'll be like cured. And by that I mean, 'Cured of saying like.'"

MAN HITS SNOOZE 892 TIMES

– and strolls into work 5½ days late!

By BRIAN WARNER

ATLANTA – John Proctor, 21, couldn't seem to wake up one morning.

The Java Jumble that employs said the kid "just felt so good" that he kept reaching over and delaying the inevitable wake up to get seven more minutes of sleep.

"I hit it the first couple of times, thinking I'd get up eventually," he explained. "But a couple of minutes turned into hours, and by then it just seemed pointless. So I figured I might as well stay in bed.

"And that's what I did, for days."

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By all known accounts, Proctor's 892 snooze is the most anyone has ever woken up and fallen back to sleep consecutively. It's also the latest anyone has ever been to work and still tried to call themselves "late."

"It's not like I didn't said. "It just took me an extra few while to get there." Proctor's counting his blessings and doesn't recommend anyone else try this stunt.

"I should have been fired, but instead I ended up getting written about in Weekly World News. There's no way I'll ever do it again, though. My boss told me that from now on, "You snooze you

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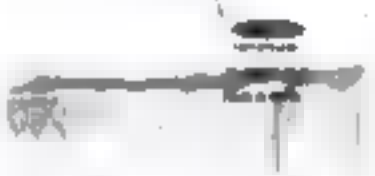

WORLD'S WEIRDEST FORTUNE COOKIES

EVERYONE knows the best part of eating at a Chinese restaurant is the fortune cookies. Usually the prediction is good, but sometimes you really break into a bad cookie.

You readers may not know this, but we crazy pack rats at *WWW* make a habit of saving silly things – and weird fortunes are

FILTER MAKES BABY'S CRYING SOUND LIKE A RIPPLING BROOK!

By [redacted]

[redacted], [redacted] — [redacted] visiting [redacted] nonprofit [redacted] at [redacted] nation.

[redacted] having [redacted] what [redacted] what [redacted] Century Preparation, described [redacted] unique [redacted] process [redacted] art [redacted] with [redacted] technology [redacted] such [redacted] room [redacted] Then, [redacted] process [redacted] microphones [redacted] the [redacted] rippling brook."

[redacted] at the [redacted] new [redacted]

"Our [redacted] keeping [redacted] keeping us [redacted] our [redacted] flights [redacted] nearly [redacted] Thanks to Sound Soother, [redacted] there [redacted] child, but [redacted] option."

[redacted] is [redacted] Tamar [redacted] Angeles [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]

HUMAN TAXIDERMY

Family keeps gallery of stuffed ancestors

By MILO PEPAR

HAPUTALE DISTRICT, Sri [redacted] — Philanthropist Matthew Wedderling rarely invites [redacted] to [redacted] the [redacted] Archive of his [redacted] plantation [redacted]. Nevertheless, [redacted] tea magnate [redacted] Weekly [redacted] News an [redacted]sive look inside his Ceylon estate, where the owners practice a most unorthodox and longest-standing family tradition.

The Wedderlings do not bury their ancestors. Instead the family stuffs and displays their taxidermy [redacted] in [redacted] drawing room.

"Nowadays, our taxidermist can [redacted] drain the fluids and inject silicon [redacted]" Matthew [redacted]. "It's a very clean process, and a significant improvement over the old [redacted] Accordingly, Matthew's older relatives require a lot of upkeep.

Grandpa Teddy here has been through three mustaches," Matthew said.

"Giving periodic tours of the archive has cost me a lot of friends," he went on. "I picked your paper here because people must understand that being stuffed and displayed is a long-standing family tradition."

The whole practice actually started by accident. The first stuffed ancestor, the game hunter Teddy Gunner Wedderling, made frequent trips to Africa. Teddy once told a hearer that, according to his will, he'd have himself stuffed and mounted "as an animal ever bested him in the wild."

In 1911, Teddy was gored by a rhino in Tanganyika's Kaloo Savannah.

"Removing the horn was pretty tricky," Matthew said. "But Teddy already had a glass eye, and a [redacted]

Matthew's great-uncle Sir Edmund Burbage Wedderling, to have [redacted] himself stuffed in costume as Richard III, a role he immortalized at London's Old Vic Theater in 1921.

Matthew adds that the hard-drinking actor was "half-embalmed anyway" before his death in 1944.

Dr. Claymann Wedderling, Matthew's father, stands out far from Sir Edmund in the Wedderling Archive. The accomplished playwright who taught at the Wood-Hopkins University's prestigious medical school, preserved himself in removable sections so that he might continue to teach medical [redacted] even in death. Claymann remains [redacted] during the warmer months when he is less brittle.

"Having these people around the house gives me a lot of comfort," he said, snuggling into the arms of his mother, who was [redacted] as an [redacted]. "They also provide me with a perfect 'sounding' for plaintive [redacted]

SPIRIT OF A REVOLUTION NEWS SYNDICATE

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BY MADAME MALISA
Renowned medium and psychic
October 24 – October 30

Your weekly star guide

Readers all over the country are using Madame Malisa's Lottery Numbers to help them win big money. And so can you! Simply look them up under your birth sign in the box below. If you need more numbers for the [illegible] in your area, [illegible]. If you have [illegible] numbers, drop them [illegible] listed last.

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VIRGO	[illegible]
LIBRA	7, 17, 24, 30, 39, 42
SCORPIO	[illegible]
SAGITTARIUS	9, 19, 27, 33, 39, 45
CAPRICORN	[illegible]
AQUARIUS	[illegible]

ARIES
Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You know what you should do with your life, so make steps of self-supporting funds and potential new artists and press ahead with your plans, however odd they may seem.

A friend with a money problem will appeal to your sympathy and generosity. Be cautious. A romantic involvement is going to take a U-turn. Spend the weekend thinking things through.

TAURUS
Apr. 20 – May 20

Travel and the possibility of some money will be among the exciting opportunities available to you this week. How you react could determine your future happiness.

Keep plugging away at your life and you will achieve the success you're after.

Someone with love in his eyes is planning your way. Use your charms. Don't be afraid to flirt.

GEMINI
May 21 – June 20

Go out and have a little fun this week. Meeting some new people should help dispel the depression that's been creeping up on you.

The color blue is lucky for you. Wear it often and pay attention to those who do.

A workmate has just spilled the beans to someone you love. Don't wait until you're confronted. You need to do damage control now.

CANCER
June 21 – July 22

Looking good has been the up to now for your marriage — but this week you'll have to look even better. If you're single, wearing a splash of red or some white will help attract someone you admire.

You inspire tremendous loyalty in your friends and can feel safe in confiding in them and asking for help.

Expect a message with the promise of money.

LEO
July 23 – Aug. 22

You're in for a big surprise this week if you don't stop playing dog tag around the one you love. You've loved, but your best habit isn't, so love it.

The numbers 3 and 9 could be lucky or unlucky for you this month. They will touch your life whether for good or bad.

A photo of you taken many years ago will cause some embarrassment.

VIRGO
Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Good luck is on its way this week but you'll have to take full advantage of it.

Don't be afraid to take calculated risks. They can pay off big-time.

A troubled friend or family member needs your advice and lots of it. Don't wait to give your opinion — as it will be too late to do any good.

Avoid animals and children who don't take an immediate shine to you.

LIBRA
Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

The chance for a great new life could be offered to you. Keep your eyes out for it, but don't jump button-shutter without good advice.

It's time to take a good look at yourself. Is it a pretty sight? Are you in control of your life and finances? If the answers are "no," do something about it.

Someone helpful will turn out to be a double-dealer. Be prepared for it.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Watch out for minor health problems this week — you need to take care of yourself before some serious health issues arise.

Someone who admires you needs a warm shoulder to cry on and a dose of sincere advice. Remember to be a good listener.

Your money instincts are right on target. Invest or play the lottery.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You have many things to do this week, but just can't seem to find the time. Get organized or get help before too much time slips by.

Your luck is about to improve dramatically. Give your partner some credit.

A friend is looking for a shoulder to cry on and you would be wise to steer clear. It will only lead to more grief if you get involved.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Someone will try to lead you astray this week. Use common sense and veer off the line a little, but not too far. The color green figures in your fortunes.

Use your creative vision if coming to travel plans in the weeks ahead. Postpone trips if at all possible.

Someone with an "S," "E" or "D" in his or her name will be the bearer of good news. Celebrate accordingly.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Get your chores out of the way as early as possible this week or you'll be hop for a surprise invitation this weekend.

Children play key roles. Treat them as much like adults as possible and you'll find that they can be most accommodating.

Travel can be extremely rewarding this week. Even if it is only across town to see an old friend, do it!

PISCES
Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

You'll have to hustle to take full advantage of the luck coming your way this week. Know all the courses and prerequisites you can.

You're in good financial shape now — so why not live a little? Some new clothes and a night on the town would do wonders for your outlook.

The numbers 2, 17 and 26 may lead to some good fortune, so pay attention.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The coming year could hold great financial promise if you're willing to work extra [illegible] you're following someone who won't steer you in the wrong direction.

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HUMAN SKYSCRAPER!

Family tradition keeps his head in the clouds

By MAX TOWER

WARREN, Pa. — *Weekly World News* recently reported on the coming of a fifth season called Decopsky, which will be characterized by low level cloud formations. This new season is being brought on by the heavy concentration of pollutants in the atmosphere, which weigh down the clouds and drag them earthward.

"Curiously, though, one place in America seems immune to this phenomenon — Warren, Pa.," said Dr. William Sirus, Chief Meteorologist of the Abnormal Weather Center. "And I found out why."

The "why" is a man named Sam Wilson, who has the most unique job in all the world.

"I'm a skyscraper," said the fifth-generation sky scrubber. "I clean clouds for living."

Each morning Sam climbs into the gondola of a hot air balloon with a load of chamois and a mop. Because the dirt particles sink, he is able to gently rub the sooty moisture from the lower surface of the clouds.

"The [illegible] actually began during the Civil War, when my great-great-grandfather Benjamin Wilson operated an observation balloon," Wilson told us. "His job was to spot enemy movements.

"One day, while he was up there, he noticed how black the clouds were, thanks to all the fires from iron-working furnaces and other industry. After the war, he started the first skyscraping business, which my family has run ever since."

Dr. Sirus consulted Wilson to discuss training more skyscrapers in an effort to stave off Decopsky. The veteran cloud cleaner declined.

"It'd be a waste of time," he said. "All that fossil fuel grime being pumped into the air — I'm having a tougher and tougher time keeping my own small town smog-free. I'd have to train tens of thousands of people just to hold the line.

"I do have some advice for folks, though," Wilson added with a grin. "Trade in your cars for balloons. They're nonpolluting and there's no traffic to contend with.

THE WILSONS have been cleaning clouds since the Civil War. Sam Wilson claims they have never found a silver lining.

GEORGE BUSH: 'Here are a few of my favorite things'

By LIZZY BEAUCOUP

IN ADDITION to his recent physical, George W. Bush underwent an annual psychological examination to make sure he hadn't entirely lost his marbles.

"The simple word-association and list-making test revealed that the president continues to be a man of great focus and

following list of the president's favorite things. She said it refutes the claims of critics that he has just one thing on his mind.

"This list shows him to possess deep, compulsively wide-ranging interests, international in scope," she told us.

Favorite Film: Gaslight
Favorite Actor: Vin Diesel
Favorite Documentary: *Pumping Iron*
Favorite Artist: Edgar Degas
Favorite Art Medium: Oil paints
Favorite Animal: Gastropod
Favorite Fictional Spy: Derek Flint
Favorite Cartoon Character, Female: Olive Oyl
Favorite Cartoon Character, Male: Oil Can Harry
Favorite Skin Care Product: Oil of Olay

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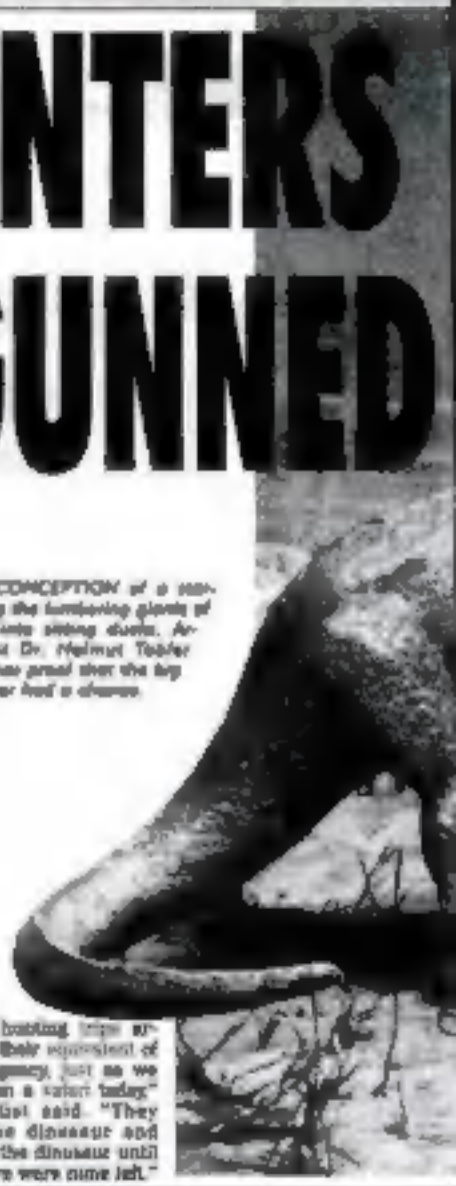

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of a starship turning the lumbering giants of prehistory into sitting ducks. Archaeologist Dr. Helmut Tobler claims he has proof that the big critters never had a chance.

BERN, Switzerland — The great dinosaurs that once roamed our planet by the millions weren't killed off by atmospheric pollution or changes in the Earth's climate — they were wiped out by big-game hunters from outer space!

Swiss archaeologist Dr. Helmut Tobler says he has found conclusive evidence that hunters from faraway worlds made frequent visits to Earth during prehistoric times for the express purpose of gunning down dinosaurs.

"Whether they hunted for food or for sport, I cannot say," Dr. Tobler told a scientific conference here.

By KURT HERRINGER
Weekly World News

"But aliens did use our planet as a hunting ground — and they overhunted to such an extent that they eventually wiped out the dinosaurs completely."

Evidence supporting his theory includes hundreds of skull fragments containing projectile wounds similar to those found on Earth, Dr. Tobler said.

"These 'bullets' are made of elements that are definitely not of Earthly origin," he told fellow scientists. "And they have been found in the remains of dinosaurs on virtually every continent except Antarctica.

"That alone provides strong circumstantial proof that invaders from space are responsible for the dinosaurs' demise."

But the archaeologist said he will offer further startling evidence — including proof that alien starships contained special "cargo holds" to transport dead dinosaurs — in a paper to be published later this year.

"I truly believe that aliens came to Earth on hunting trips arranged by their equivalent of a travel agency, just as we might go on a safari today," the scientist said. "They hunted the dinosaur and preyed on the dinosaur until finally there were none left."

TOULOUSE, France — Liberace isn't dead — he was kidnapped by aliens and has returned for a visit in a gleaming silver UFO!

That's the startling claim of more than 2,000 bewil-

ALIVE! Liberace played for several minutes — then strolled back to his starship.

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LIBERACE SIGHTED IN A SILVER UFO!

He played beautiful music as 2,000 stunned witnesses watched!

dazed witnesses who swear they saw the fancy-pants pianist emerge from a spaceship in a field north of here, step onto a stage and begin tickling the ivories last July 29.

The witnesses — including policemen, clergymen and government officials — say they were attending an outdoor music festival when a magnificent starship 50 yards in diameter set down nearby.

"When that ramp landed, we all just sat there in shock. We knew what it was, but we just couldn't believe it," said barber Daniel Mathers, 48.

"And then Liberace got out and everybody just gasped. I know the man is supposed to have died in 1987, but I have seen him in concert many times before and this was Liberace, no doubt about it.

"He walked to the stage, where he approached the grand piano, sat down and began to play — and I must say, he never sounded better."

Former Major Gen. Fowler said some people were so excited to see the superstar that they rose to rock the stage.

"But nobody could move more than a few feet," he said. "It was as if we were held in place by an unseen hand."

Witnesses said Liberace played for 6 or 7 minutes without saying a word before strolling back to the UFO, which then zoomed away.

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